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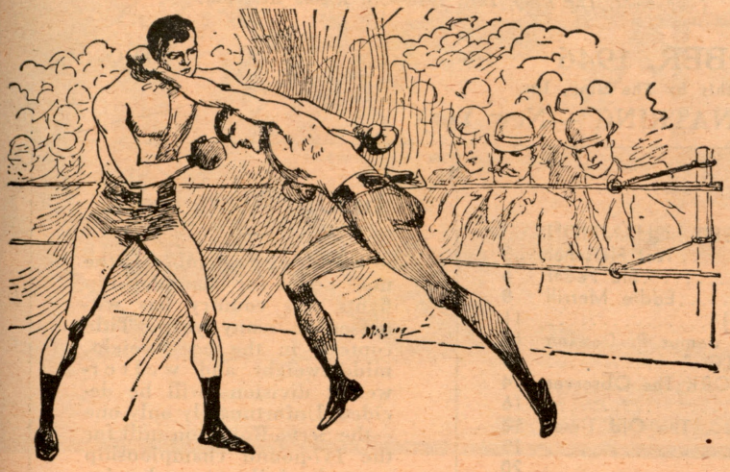

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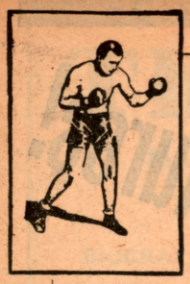

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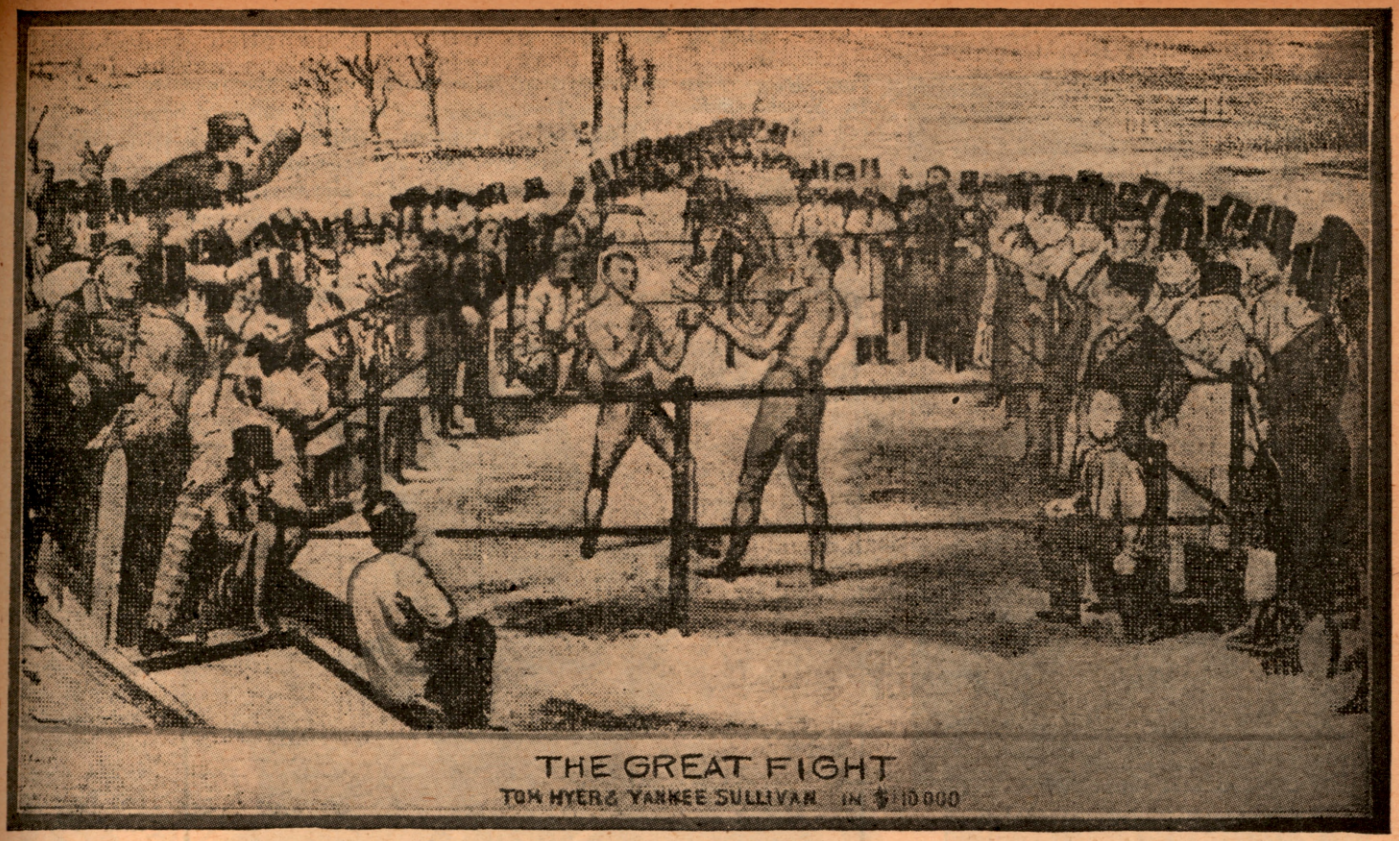

New York Furnished the First Heavyweight Champion

By NAT FLEISCHER

WHEN Tami Mauriello faces Joe Louis in their world heavyweight championship fight at the Yankee Stadium on September 18, the New York challenger will get an opportunity to emulate the deeds of several other fistic idols who either engaged in a world heavyweight title bout or came through with the title snugly tucked away. Tom Hyer and Gene Tunney won the crown while Bob Pastor and Abe Simon faced the title holder, Joe Louis, as challengers.

To little old New York belongs the credit of providing the United States with its first recognized heavyweight champion in Tom Hyer. He came of real militant stock, inasmuch as his stalwart dad, Jacob, was a slugger who beat Tom Beasley in 1816 in the first battle for heavyweight honors. Jacob Hyer claimed the title, but he never tempted fate in the ring again and though numerous more or less impromptu battles were fought in various sections of the country, a quarter of a century elapsed before Uncle Sam could point to a genuine dyed-in-the-wool title holder in the person of the handsome Tom Hyer.

Handsome, Tom certainly was. Six feet, two inches in height, beautifully proportioned, always attired tastefully in the prevailing style, he was an unusually gentlemanly figure for a chap of his profession in an age when ring scrappers were on the whole rough-looking citizens and just as tough as they looked.

Tom was a native New Yorker and his prominence had much to do with making his birthplace known as the country's fistic center, a distinction Manhattan has retained in considerable measure through all the succeeding years. He reigned at a time when bare knuckles were in vogue, and no ring honors were gained unless won under the jurisdiction of London Prize Ring Rules. Gloves were freely utilized for training, or exhibition boxing purposes, but victories scored with them didn't go far toward establishing a formidable scrapping reputation.

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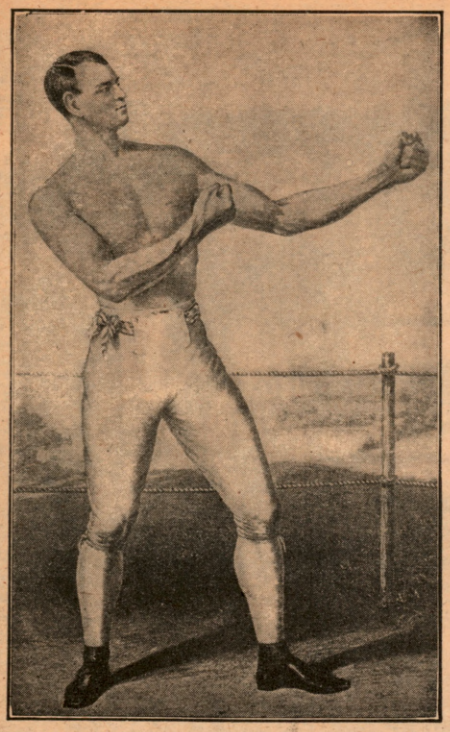
"SPARRIN' ain't fightin'," says one of Conan Doyle's rugged bare knuckle professors, in the ring novel "Rodney Stone," when some sport refers to the cleverness of a rising young pug with the stuffed mitts. And that was the view universally maintained by ring patrons and principals, up to the time when John L. Sullivan risked and lost his title to Jim Corbett under Queensberry rules, many years after Tom Hyer had passed away.

Yet Hyer, for his day, was a remarkably scientific boxer and shaped up as such in all of his battles. These were few in number, for he so far outclassed his contemporaries that most of them preferred to keep clear of him, and leave him in undisputed possession of the title. This was conceded to him by popular acclaim when he beat Country McCluskey on September 9, 1841. The encounter took place at Caldwell's Landing, on the Hudson, Hyer winning in 101 rounds, after two hours and fifty-five minutes of hard fighting.

Pugilism was oddly mingled with politics. Tammany Hall employed a band of picked fighting men to protect its interests. The "Native Americans," a party which broke away from Tammany Hall, as a gesture of defiance to foreign domination, and adopted as its slogan, "No Irish Need Apply!", also sported a pugilistic brigade, which included such eminent leaders as Hyer and Bill Poole. On the Tammany side, John Morrissey, Yankee Sullivan, Lew Baker and James Turner were the chief shock-punchers.



Tom Hyer, First U. S. champion.

Naturally, there were numerous combats between the opposing factions. It was indirectly the result of a beating given Yankee Sullivan by Hyer that led to Bill Poole's murder, an event which created considerable excitement. Poole, a giant of a man, never figured in the ring, but had never lost a rough-and-tumble brawl.

Hyer was not given to indulging in "off-the-reel" scraps, but when occasion demanded, he could take care of himself as well outside, as within the ropes. Yankee Sullivan, a quarrelsome, ill-tempered Celt, once undertook to thrash Hyer in a saloon at Park Place and Broadway, but the champion beat his assailant into unconsciousness in less than three minutes.

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YANKEE was not satisfied with the man-handling he got, and immediately challenged Hyer for a ring battle, involving ownership of the American heavyweight title, and a stake of $10,000, a defiance promptly accepted.

Sullivan had a more impressive ring record than Hyer. Yankee had battled in Australia, Ireland, England, had never met defeat, and could boast of ten decisive victories under London Prize Ring Rules, whereas Tom's principal achievement was his win over McCluskey, already mentioned. Sullivan, of stocky build, three inches shorter and thirty pounds lighter than Hyer, was a genuine bulldog bruiser, ever ready to fight at a moment's notice in the street, a saloon, the ring—any locale was good enough for this turbulent son of the old sod, who was born in Bandon, near the city of Cork, in Ireland.

The spot originally selected for the battleground was Poole's Island, on the border of the State of Maryland. There, on the night of February 6, 1849, both pugilists were temporarily domiciled in the only two houses standing on that lonely stretch of land. In the offing hovered two steamers, carrying several hundred sports.

Meanwhile, High Constable Gifford and several officers sailed from Baltimore, intent on stopping the fight, Poole's Island being under Maryland jurisdiction. Gifford's party landed and surrounded the house where Hyer lay sleeping. Awakened by the sound of tramping feet, Hyer, realizing his danger, put his trainer, George Thompson, in his bed, ran downstairs and hid on the ground floor. The officers reached the room vacated by Hyer. Seeing Thompson in the bed, they supposed him to be their destined quarry. Thompson meekly submitted to arrest. The sleuths left a guard over him, and proceeded to Sullivan's resting place.

Hyer hurried to the beach and boarded a boat waiting for him. Yankee Sullivan, confronted by the minions of the law, turned to his sparring partner, Tom O'Donnell, pushed him toward the door and yelled, "Run, Sullivan—run like hell!"

Yankee Sullivan who lost title bout to Hyer.

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THE constables, completely deceived by this strategy, at once arrested O'Donnell, who pretended to struggle. While the officers were subduing him, Yankee quietly slipped away, and was soon safe aboard the craft designed for his reception. The officers, discovering how they had been fooled, rushed to their steamer and attempted to pursue the fugitives. But the hostile steamer ran on a rock and stuck there, hard and fast, while the merry lawbreakers sailed triumphantly away.

It was agreed to land on the most convenient place, regardless of State authority, and the ring was finally pitched at Rock Point, Maryland, where time was called, shortly before sundown. A suggestion by one of Sullivan's backers that the battle ought to be postponed on account of threatening darkness, was promptly overruled, the pugnacious Sullivan insisting that much light wouldn't be needed, as he meant to polish off Hyer inside of fifteen minutes.

In this he was mistaken. During the three opening rounds Yankee was thrown with stunning force, Hyer falling heavily upon him. Also, Hyer used his long, driving left to splendid advantage, staggering Sullivan with trip-hammer blows, while the latter's leads constantly fell short of their target. Yet, courageous to the last, he milled on desperately until near the close of the sixteenth round. Then, as he reeled against the ropes, his chief second, Country McCluskey, stepped forward, grasped the beaten fighter, and removed him from the ring without waiting for any further developments. Hyer was declared victor, after seventeen minutes and eighteen seconds of fighting.

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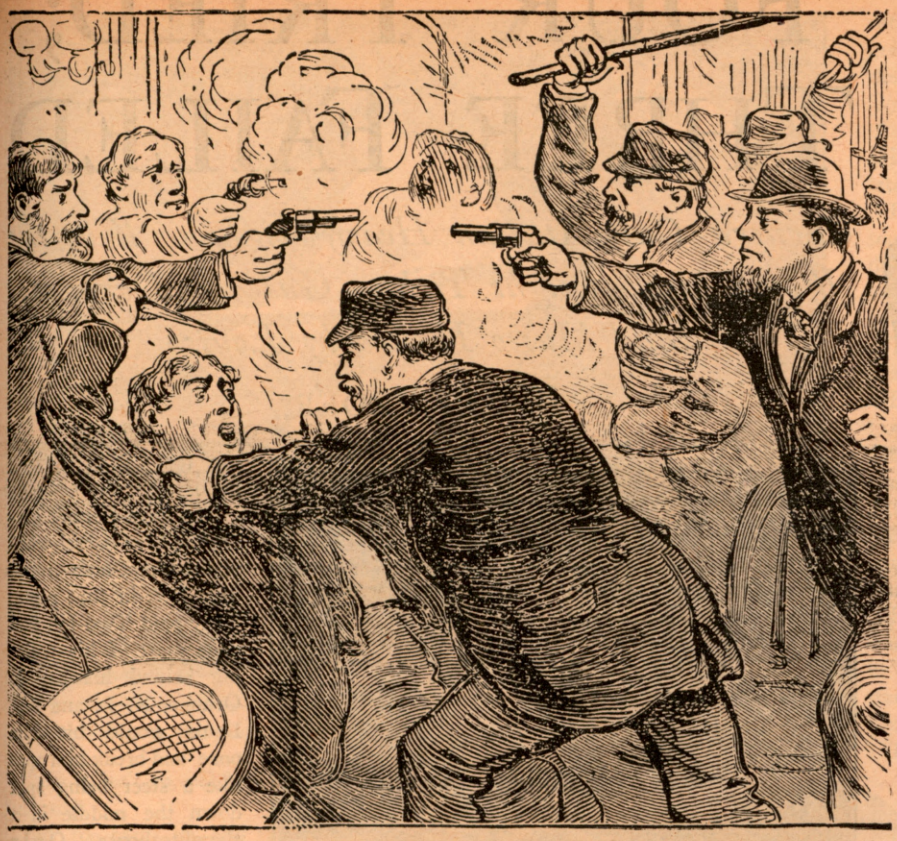
PRIOR to this battle, the bulk of ring followers regarded Hyer as legitimate champion, but some had dissented. Sullivan's defeat left no room for further controversy on this issue. Even Sullivan's Tammany supporters, who backed him and lost heavily, did not venture again to dispute Hyer's supremacy as king of the American ring.



The shooting of Bill Poole at Stanwix Hall in New York City.

In the years following, the political feud between Tammany Hall and the Native Americans continued to wage with unabated venom on both sides. Constant clashes occurred. One night in January, 1855, two of the Tammany war force, Turner and Baker, opened fire on Hyer with pistols in Platt's saloon, under Wallack's Theater. Tom, slightly grazed on the neck by a bullet, knocked Turner down, took Baker's gun away from him, and beat him insensible. The champion then kicked Baker into the street and threw Turner after him. Later on, Hyer's big pal, Bill Poole, sought out Baker and gave him a terrific thrashing.

Baker, out for revenge, ambushed Poole at the bar of Stanwix Hall, on February 24, with the aid of Turner, Paudeen, Van Pelt and Linn. Poole was shot twice, first in the leg, and then in the heart. A man of extraordinary vitality, big Bill lingered on for fourteen days before he died. He was given the most spectacular funeral New York had ever witnessed up to that time. Hyer led the vast throng of mourners, the line of march extending down Broadway from Bleecker Street to Whitehall, where lay the vessel waiting to take the casket to Greenwood.

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SHORTLY after Hyer's victory over Sullivan, a challenge from the American champion to William Perry, the "Tipton Slasher," was forwarded to England, for a battle to take place either in the old country or Newfoundland, for $10,000 a side. Perry was then heavyweight champion of England, having won the title from Tom Paddock on December 17, 1850. Hyer was very anxious to clinch such a contest, where victory would have made him undisputed champion of the world. But Perry refused to make the match, and Hyer was compelled to rest content with being cock of the roost in America.

Following the trail taken by most ring stars, Hyer opened a saloon in New York. He was generously patronized by the sporting element, and successful in business, but not so fortunate from the health standpoint. For he became afflicted with rheumatism, said to be caused by exposure on the freezingly cold day in February when he conquered Yankee Sullivan, an ailment which was ultimately destined to cause his death.

Considering the trials to which they were subjected by bad weather conditions when pursuing their profession, it is a wonder that so many of the bare knuckle men lived to a green old age. For that matter, the troubles involving attendance on an open air mill were nothing for the spectators to laugh over, either. Those who sit at ease in huge, heated, well-lighted modern buildings to witness the strivings of latter-day boxers can hardly realize what tribulations and discomforts our sportive ancestors endured in order to satisfy the world-old craving for a spectacle in which men struggle for physical supremacy.

Even when a battle-site had been definitely agreed upon, with foot-weary wayfarers trudging to the scene of conflict, while their more fortunate brethren rode in horse-drawn vehicles of all descriptions, it was never certain that the fight would come off where scheduled. Time and time again, when hostilities were about to commence, a sheriff's posse or a bunch of blue-coated guardians of the peace would make their appearance, and break up the proceedings.

Bill Poole, a power in politics and fisticuffs in New York.

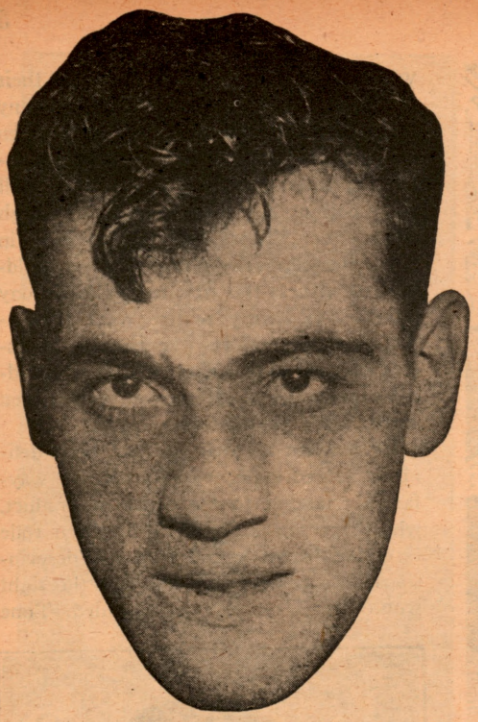
Then it was—up with the stakes and ropes, hustle the prospective combatants into vehicles, and away helter-skelter on a new journey and search for a fresh field of tourney where the principals could battle to the bitter end.

Nor had the fury of the elements power to depress and scatter those followers of a sport frowned upon and outlawed by the authorities. Rain, hail or sunshine were all alike to high and low, to thug and gentleman sport, all the varied members of the Fancy, in which every grade of society was represented.

Omitting that of the fair sex, of course, for, with a few very rare exceptions, the ladies were conspicuous by their absence from the bare knuckle frays. It frequently happened that battle began and lasted through an interminable number of rounds, sometimes for hours, while a heavy rainstorm, or driving gale of snow beat remorselessly on principals and onlookers.

When Tom Hyer was thirty-four he was challenged to fight for his title by John Morrissey, one of the most formidable of the Tammany Hall scrapping brigade. Hyer refused to make the match for less than $10,000 a side, a sum beyond Morrissey's ability to raise, and nothing came of the proposal. The champion's physical condition was very poor at the time, and it was generally believed that he had no intention of ever re-entering the ring.

As it proved, this belief was well founded. Hyer remained for years a prominent figure in New York sporting circles, but saw no active service as a fighting man, except for participating in a few boxing exhibitions with the gloves. His last public appearance was at a benefit given him *(Continued on page 32)*



Primo Carnera, lone Italian to hold highest honors in pugilism.

FOUR TRIED; THREE FAILED

Carnera Only Italian Heavyweight to Win the World Heavyweight Title—Galento, Dorazio, and Musto Halted by Louis

By SID FEDER

IT IS one of the fight game's little ironies that there have been more Italian or Italian-American fighters in the ring in the past quarter century than any other nationality, yet only one man of Italian blood has ever held the richest prize of all—the World Heavyweight championship.

And, giving the irony another twist—like yanking a puppy's tail—while four Italian fighters have challenged for the heavyweight crown down through the years, the bids of three of them were turned back by the same man, Joe Louis. The fourth Italian thumper, Primo Carnera, actually won the championship.

Now the fifth fighter of Italian blood is going to try it—tough, stand-up-and-punch Tami Mauriello from the Bronx—and precedent is all against him. When the Bronx barkeep climbs into the Yankee Stadium ring against the Brown Bomber on September 18, the boys will be remembering what Joe did to Gus Dorazio and Tony Musto, the Italian-Americans who had their shots at Louis before Tami.

As a matter of fact, they'll be remembering, too, that one other Italian who fought for the richest prize of all. For, while old Primo made it and sat on the throne for a while, there is no forgetting the fact that Louis got around to chopping him down along with the rest, although the crown wasn't at stake that time.

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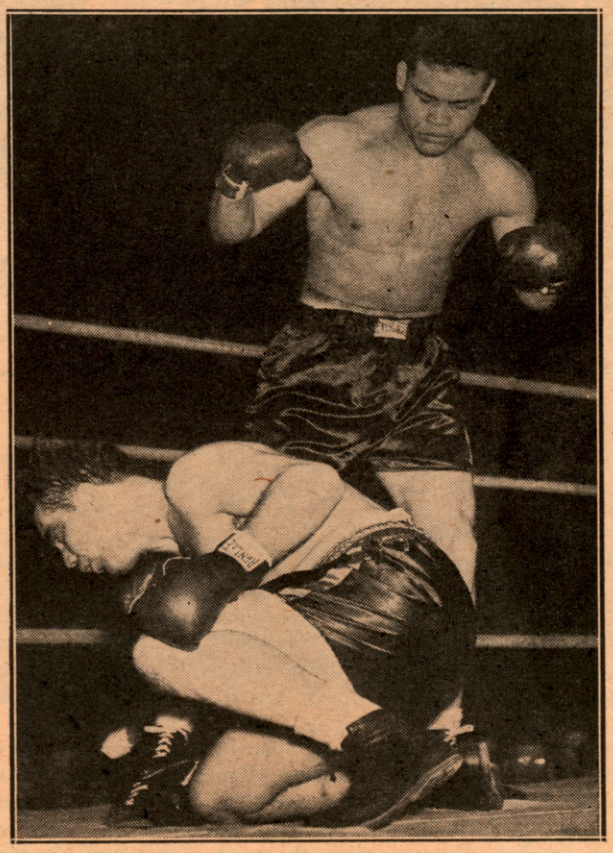
ALL this doesn't mean, of course, that the Italian-Americans didn't make a rassle of it while they were in there, or that Tami had better not show up. For Tami has the same number of arms and fists as Joe, and that means they'll at least be starting out even right there.

Certainly, old Preem got as much mileage as possible out of his talents in taking the title from Jack Sharkey and holding it against Uzcudun and Tommy Loughran before Max Baer hit him on the chin and broke his ankle and took the crown away in 1934.

And certainly one of boxing's all-time thrillers was the pitch Two-ton Tony Galento threw at Louis back there in 1939. It was June 28 that year, you remember, and 34,852 customers crowded into Yankee Stadium to contribute to a gate of $333,308—one of the top 25 in boxing history.



The knockout of Gus Dorazio by Joe Louis in the second round.

The boys weren't giving the beer-barrel-who-walks-like-a-man much of a look-in that night. They said Two-ton had done most of his training behind his bar in Orange, N. J., and that Louis would hit him once and break him open like a steer being split down the middle in a slaughterhouse. Only the late Joe (Yussel) Jacobs and Harry Mendell, Tony's publicity tub - thumper, hollered not to sell Two-ton short.

So all Tony did was walk out there and come within a couple of inches of winning the championship, a fact which scared the daylights out of a lot of people before the roof caved in on him.

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TONY went swinging across the ring on those short pudgy legs of his, with his left arm blockbuster ready to go as soon as the opening bell sounded that night. He met Louis coming to him and he pulled the trigger. That first hook caught Joe squarely on what the boys like to refer to as the "potato", and Joe's knees became two stems of not-too-solid chocolate pudding.

Louis half-staggered and half-backpedalled into a corner and was standing there almost helpless when Tony let the second hook go. It landed inches away from dead center on the target, somewhere between Joe's ear and the part in his hair, and if it hadn't the Bomber might have come tumbling off the throne right then. Instead, that second blow seemed to shake off the stunning effect of the first hook and snapped Joe out of it.

Then came the second round, and all of a sudden Joe let go a right hand and Tony was dumped on the deck. He was up with virtually no count and the two of them went at it.

In the third, came the biggest shock of all—a shock that probably registered on the Fordham University seismograph that night. For that was the round when Tony caught Joe with another sizzling left hook—and Louis hit the floor.

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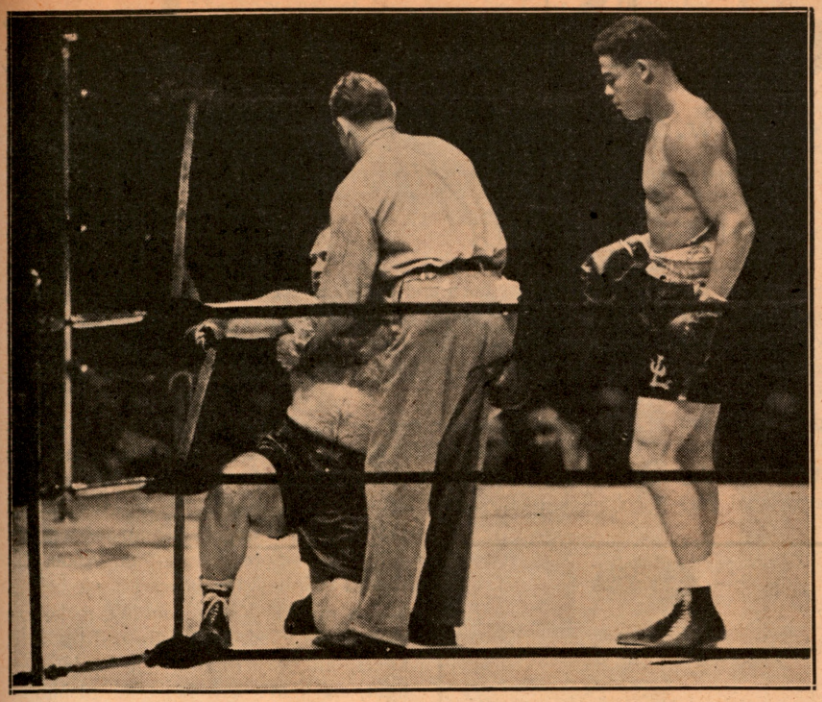
THERE was a veteran boxing man sitting behind us that night. When that happened, he shuddered and shut his eyes.



Tony Galento, recipient of a terrific beating, is halted in fourth by Louis.

"Say it isn't so, pal," he pleaded, groaning in disbelief. "Say it isn't so."

But Joe came up, and that was the beginning of the end for Tony. Louis went to work on him the rest of that round, and when the fourth opened, he was putting the finishing touches on, like icing a cake.

After a few moments, he got Tony backed against the ropes on the first base side of the ring and he let everything go. It was like one of our navy's superdreadnaughts opening up with all gun turrets at once. Every time he threw a punch in that short round, he seemed to tear a new gash in Tony's face. Afterward, the doctors took something like 50 stitches around Galento's features for one of fistiana's fancier jobs of needlework.

Finally Tony couldn't take any more. No human being could have. His knees gave and he toppled, like a short, round smokestack, and as he fell his arms grabbed out and encircled Referee Arthur Donovan's midsection. He slid the rest of the way to the floor holding onto the arbiter.

This was the first of Louis' Italian-American challengers. In 1941 came the other two, while Joe was on his so-called "bum of the month" tour. He met Gus Dorazio in Convention Hall in Philadelphia on February 17. Gus mixed it up with the Bomber for one round. Then, in the second, his chin hung out there for a split second like a pair of pants waiting for an iron to descend and start pressing them. Joe did the pressing right then, and it was all over.

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IN APRIL, stocky Tony Musto tried it in St. Louis. For half a dozen rounds, his crouching, crowding style bothered the Bomber. Then Louis found the combination and turned loose his "Sunday" stuff and wound it up in the ninth.

Now it's Tami Mauriello, and there is no doubt Tami would rather think of what Carnera accomplished in going after the heavyweight crown, than what the others managed to do. Because, after all, Old Preem did win it, regardless of all the stories of how it was accomplished—with the aid of what mirrors and by pulling what rabbits out of hats.

Primo came over in 1930 with Leon See, and soon Louis Soresi and Billy Duffy, who knew their way around the fight game the way your hatband knows the way around the inside of your hat, were handling him.

They started barnstorming this huge, ploughchinned likeable giant up and down the by-ways—Elizar Rioux in Chicago, Buster Martin in St. Louis, Man Mountain Erickson in Oklahoma City, Sam Baker in Portland, Ore., K. O. Christner in Detroit, Riccardo Bertazollo in Atlantic City. There were 22 fights and 22 wins—21 by knockout—before Jim Maloney outpointed the grinning Italian in Boston in ten rounds.

He went back to Europe for a while, won a couple more, and returned to this country early in 1931. He reversed the score on Maloney as a starter, then added six more kayoes, before Jack Sharkey won one from him.

There were 28 more fights after that, in Europe and America, and losses only to Larry Gaines, the Canadian who did most of his fisticuffing in England, and to Stanley Poreda.

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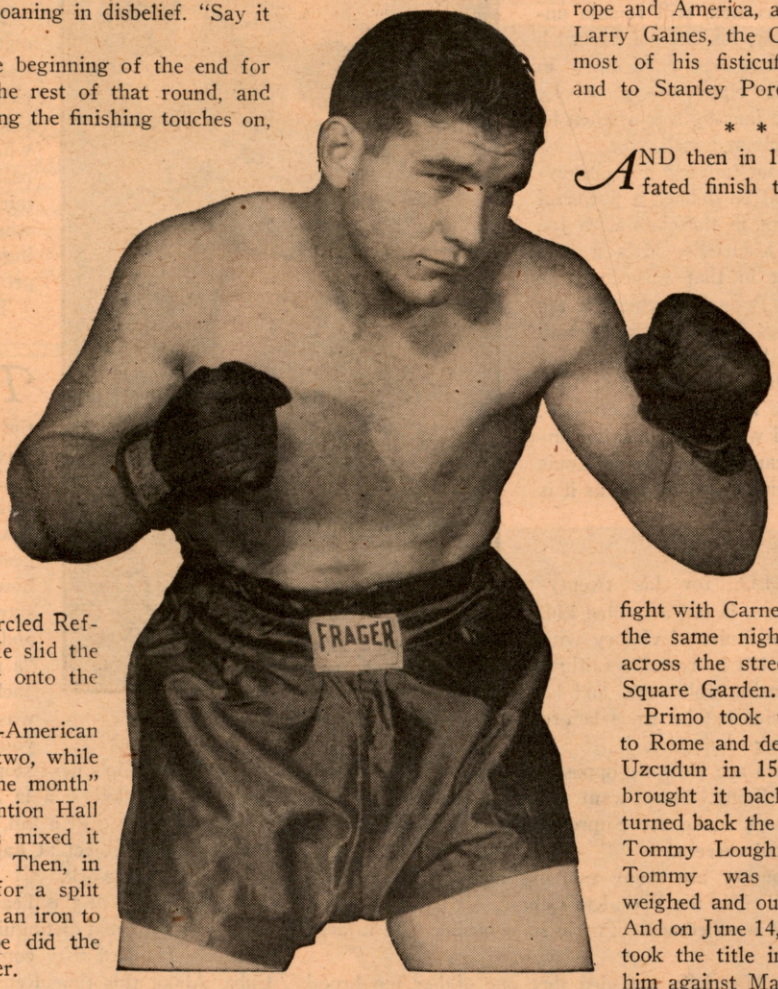
AND then in 1931, after the ill-fated finish to his fight with Ernie Schaaf, he was matched with Sharkey and won the championship when Sharkey bowed out in six rounds. Schaaf, apparently injured in a previous bout with Max Baer, collapsed in the ring in the 13th round of the fight with Carnera, and died later the same night in a hospital across the street from Madison Square Garden.

Primo took the championship to Rome and defended it against Uzcudun in 15 rounds, and he brought it back to Miami and turned back the bid of the skilled Tommy Loughran in 15 more. Tommy was too badly outweighed and out-sized that night. And on June 14, 1934, Old Preem took the title into the ring with him against Maxie Baer and absorbed an unmerciful beating for 11 rounds before Madcap Maxie tore the crown from his head.

The following year, a young, fresh, fearsome fist-fighter named Joe Louis came charging out of Detroit, mowing down everything in front of him. Old Preem was the first major test they gave to the dark destroyer in New York. *(Continued on page 38)*



Tony Musto stopped by the Brown Bomber in the ninth round.

Pudgy Tami Next *on* List

Mauriello, New York Heavyweight, Is Joe Louis' Twenty-Third Opponent in World Heavyweight Championship Fight

By EDDIE MERRILL

UNTIL he astounded the fistic world by holding the experienced Bob Pastor to a ten-round sizzling draw, little was thought of the chances of Tami Mauriello as a heavyweight prospect. He was looked upon as just another fighter. But that bout with Bob changed things. It brought the name of Tami Mauriello into the fistic spotlight and he has been there as a contender ever since.

"Oh, for a hitter," Tex Rickard used to wail and then one day his prayer was answered when Jack Dempsey annihilated Jess Willard in the terrific Toledo heat back in 1919. After the Manassa Mauler laid Willard low, Rickard cried for joy because he not only had a good card but he loved to see Jack knock "'em for a row," as they say in the beak busting business.

Mike Jacobs prayed for a hitter after Joe Louis bowled 'em over, one after another, but his prayers, so far as heavyweights were concerned, still remain unanswered. However, he did get his wish in several other divisions, particularly in the middleweight class where Rocky Graziano took the fans by storm when he displayed his knockout punch.

The only fighter among the heavyweights who could be dubbed a powerful clouter, though not in the class with Joe Louis, is Tami Mauriello. He's a first grade socker but in that respect he is outclassed by the Brown Bomber yet the fans will turn out in large numbers to see him fight Joe because they know that no matter how long or short that bout will be, they'll be treated to action—yes, plenty of it. Tami will keep punching until he no longer can deliver, should Louis continue on his triumphant march, as it is now expected he will.

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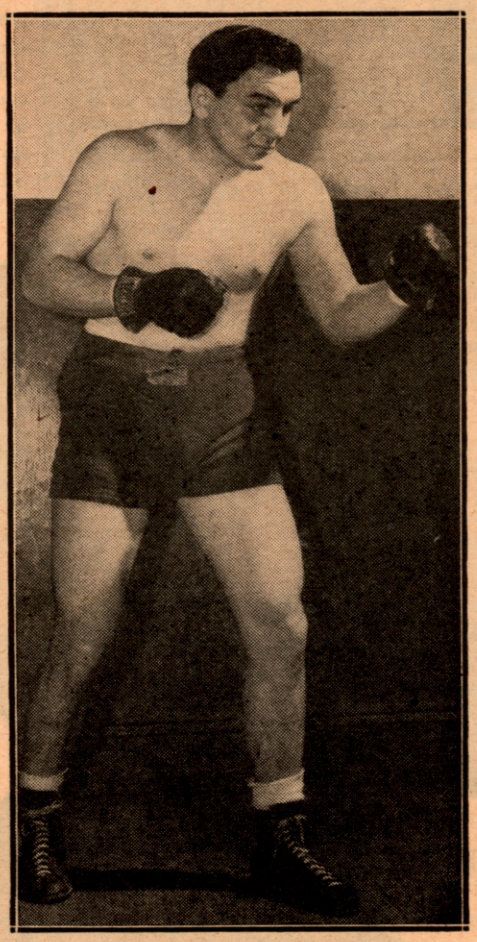
MAURIELLO, for his twenty-three years, is not a spoiled kid. He has tasted the fruits of victory with some juicy purses but he remains faithful to his ever increasing followers, and he wears the same size hat he wore before he came into such prominence.



Tami Mauriello of New York.

As a rule mothers are violently opposed to their children taking up boxing for a living. Some want to see their boys become lawyers and perhaps make the Supreme Court in Washington. Others plan musical careers.

In this free country are many mothers hoping and praying that their boys will sit in the President's chair. All naturally want to see them happily married and set up in some business, be it large or small.

But Mrs. Susie Mauriello, satisfied that one of her ten brood was determined to make boxing his livelihood, encouraged, rather than discouraged Tami. In fact, she begged the mother of Jimmy (Lefty) Remini, then a struggling manager, to let him guide Tami on the road to fame and fortune. The friendship between the pair, begun in 1939, will be a lasting one. The manager-fighter combination is one of the finest in the business. They work like a team of horses.

TAMI was born and raised in New York's teeming Fordham, the same colorful section which has produced a raft of other mitt men, among them Carl Duane, Joe Malone, Johnny Morro, Frankie Ritchie, Frankie Jerome, Patsy La Rocco and Johnny Grosso.

The famous writer and lecturer, Angelo Patri, who is responsible for developing John Garfield into a great dramatic star, was the principal of Tami's public school No. 45 in the Bronx. After completing 9B, second term, Tami took a runout powder, fearful that Mr. Patri might try to make a second John Barrymore out of him. About this time Tami had his heart set on boxing, and a million Patris couldn't make him change his mind. Mauriello had his street fights, all gory affairs, but he loved to fight, and that's how he stumbled into his first chance of strutting his stuff in the ring. More anon on that.

Mauriello, like his father, had his favorite. Tami would walk miles to see Tony Canzoneri box and Signor Ralph Mauriello was always to be found at the ringside when Carl Duane fought. One night when Tony fought in the Garden, Tami rushed the "gate" by some kind of a miracle, and the next thing he knew, he was sitting on the lap of one of the paying customers three rows from the ring proper.

That was Tami's greatest thrill.

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TAMI liked school like I adore a bookmaker when I have to pay off the next day. He played hookey plenty. His hangout was a Fordham gym.

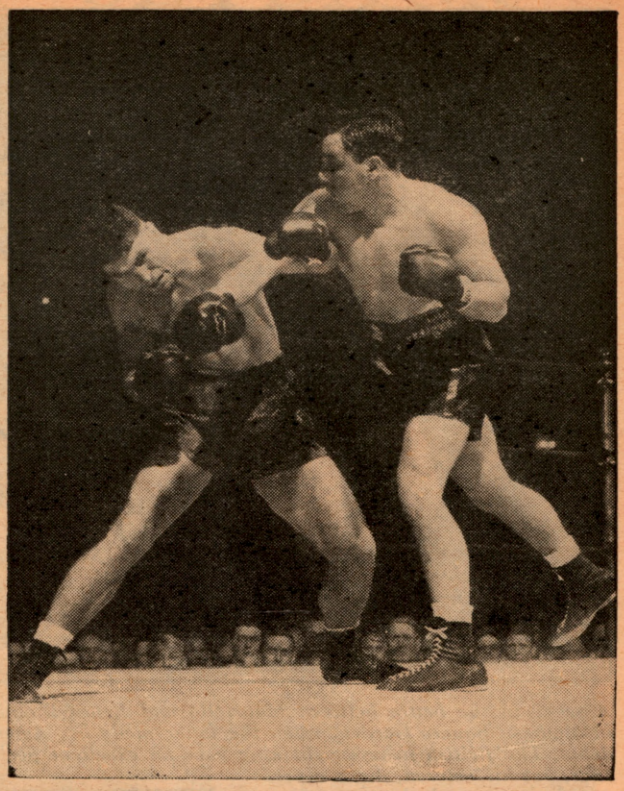
One afternoon a prima donna was bewailing the fact that he couldn't get a sparring partner. Pete Mauriello suggested his kid brother. "I hope he knows how to put his hands up," warned the star. Tami belted him all over the place and the hangers-on spread the word that "a right-hand crazy kid had just pulled a Jack Dempsey." Of course, brother Pete was thrilled. In those days Tami, a hefty youngster, weighed 138 pounds.

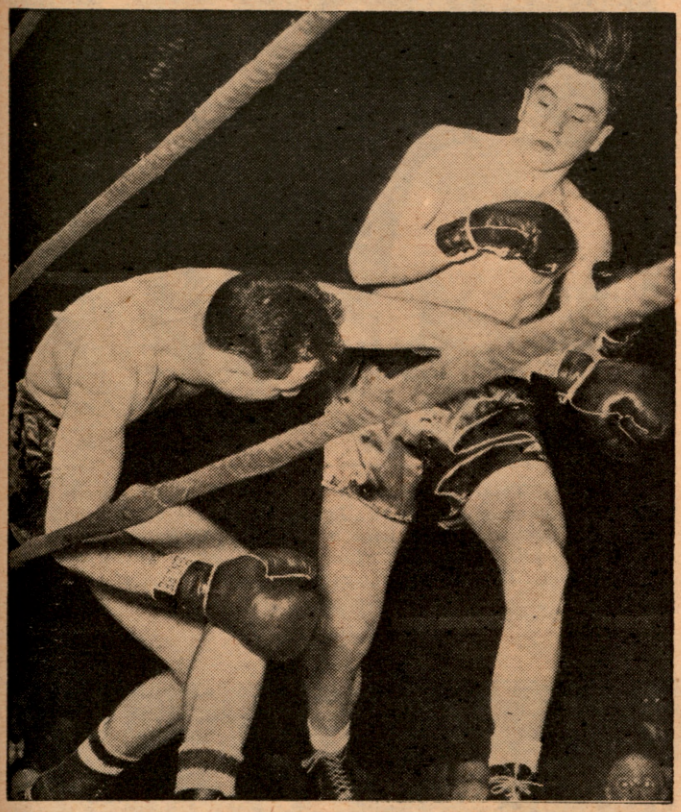
Pete Mauriello's next stop was at Lefty Remini's home. He got down on both knees, à la Al Jolson, beseeching him to manage Tami. "Oh, he's just a kid, let him go to work," Lefty dismissed Pete and the subject at hand. Pete, however, was determined to get Tami some work.

As a member of the Teasdale A. C., Tami entered the Golden Gloves of 1939 and distinguished himself in the welterweight competitions. He had fifty contests. He also fought in Chicago and Cuba. About this time Remini began to realize Tami was a diamond in the rough and lost no time signing him on the dotted line.

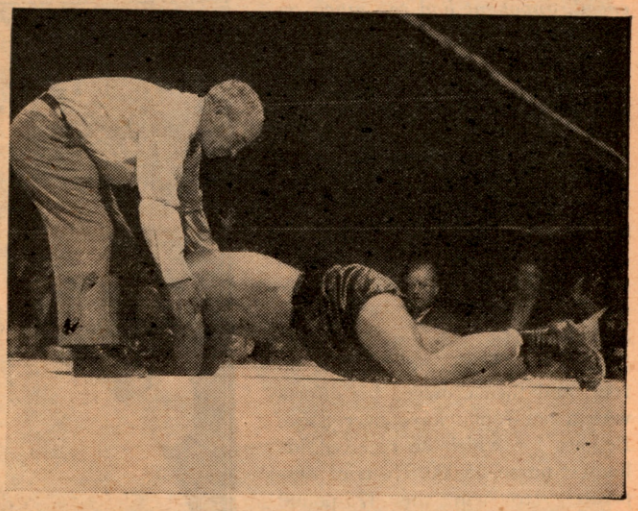
In less time than it takes to tell it, Tami became a sensation when he gave up the simon-pure ranks in favor of greenbacks. In his debut on big time at the Queensboro Arena in the summer of 1939 he scored a one-round knockout over a lad named Vasquez. For this Tami got $25, which to him was a small fortune. Then he beat Jimmy McDonough in four, turned the tables on

(On right.) The knockout of Lou Nova by Tami on December 11, 1942. Mauriello is seen above ready to crash his right against Lou's jaw, while the Californian attempts to avoid it.





When Tami Mauriello fought as a middleweight, his best triumph was the knockout of Steve Belloise in a round on March 14, 1941. Here we see Tami ready to deliver the finishing punch as his victim is helpless against the ropes. Tami rushes in, sets himself, then crashes a powerful left to Steve's head. Several rights and lefts follow, ending the bout.



(On right.) And here is the finish of Nova following the contact of Tami's fist and Lou's jaw. Referee Billy Cavanagh is helping Nova to his feet.

Corky Dulgarian, who had beaten him in the Golden Gloves, and went on to vanquish Frankie Velez and Larry Esposito.

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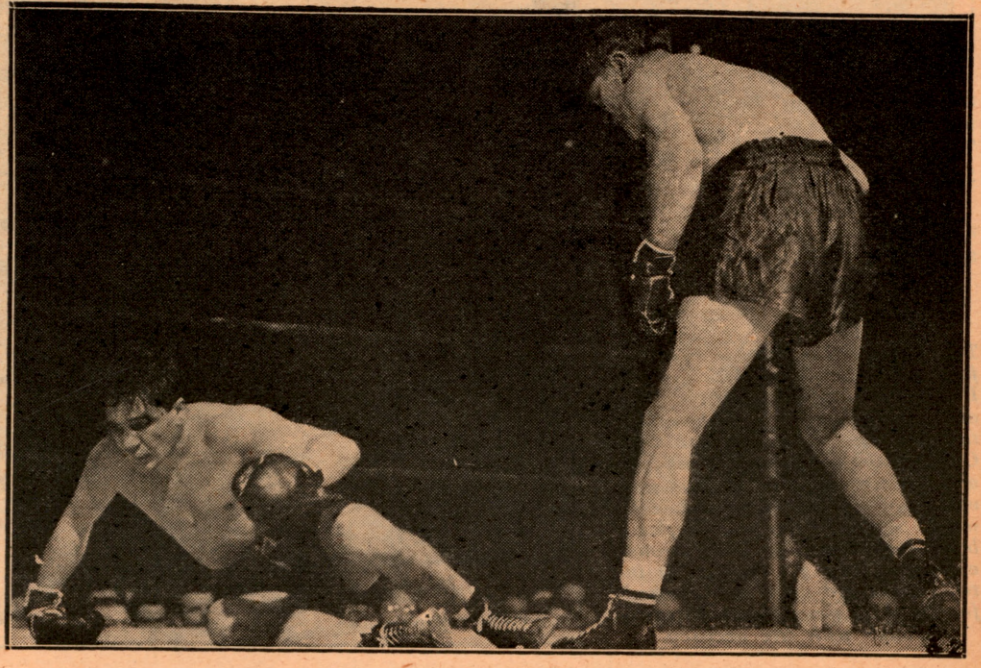
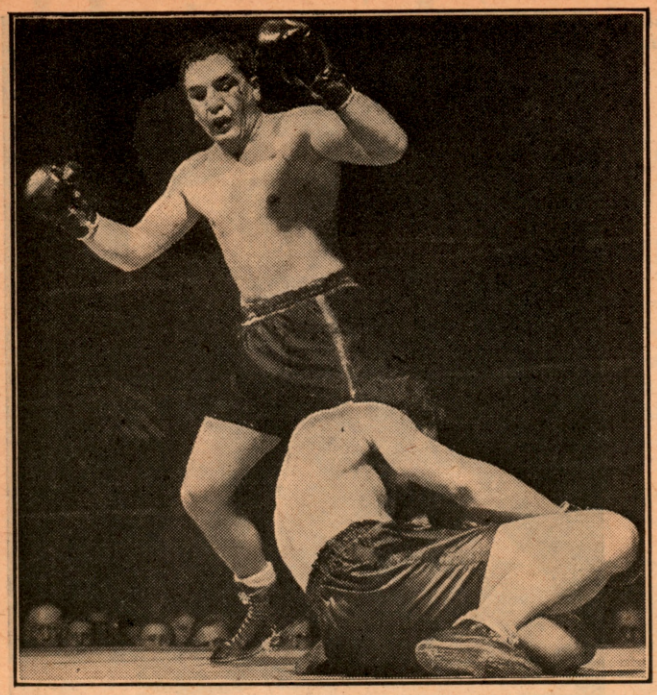
IN his first Garden appearance in a four-rounder opening some big show, he got a great hand after knocking out Ettore Penn in one heat. Until his chin got in the way of Tami's right mauler, Penn hadn't lost a fight in twenty-two starts.

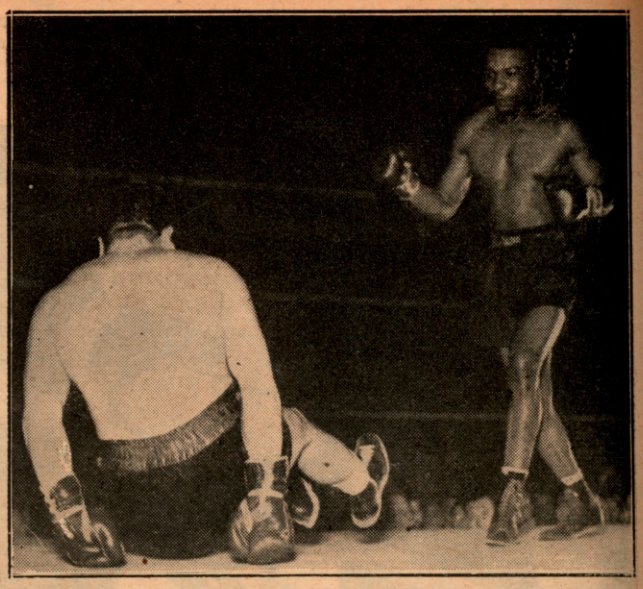
In 1940 as a middleweight, Tami scored kayoes over Sean Haynes,



Mauriello takes a short count after being floored by a left hook delivered by Lee Savold in the second round of their Garden return bout. Tami got to his feet, took a beating for several rounds, then came through with a victory, his second over Lee.



A scene in the battle between Mauriello and Bruce Woodcock in Madison Square Garden, when the latter made his American debut. The British heavyweight king gave an excellent performance, but his veteran, more experienced, opponent had too much on the ball. Here we see Bruce on the canvas following a heavy right to the jaw. The visitor was kayoed in the fifth round.



Here we see Tami on the floor in the first round of his fight with John Thomas at Detroit. Tami didn't expect this from his opponent, but came back with a bang to knock out the Southerner. Mauriello has been floored frequently, but has never been the victim of a sleep producing wallop.

Mike Angieri, Paulie Griffiths, Eddie Guerra, Johnny McHale, Walter Franklin, Gene Molnar and Eric Seelig.

He lost to Billy Soose in ten stanzas. In 1941 as a light-heavyweight, Tami's right was working overtime. He laid low Bill McDowell in six, Harry Ginsberg in four, and then crowned his efforts with a one-round kayo over Steve Belloise for which he received his highest purse, $5,000. He tried desperately to win the 175-pound honors, but Gus Lesnevich turned him back twice.

The kid was growing, so Manager Remini decided to throw him in with the best heavies. Today Tami scales 195 pounds. He stands 5 feet 11 inches tall.

With an open date in the garden and no one around for him to use against Pastor, Promoter Jacobs

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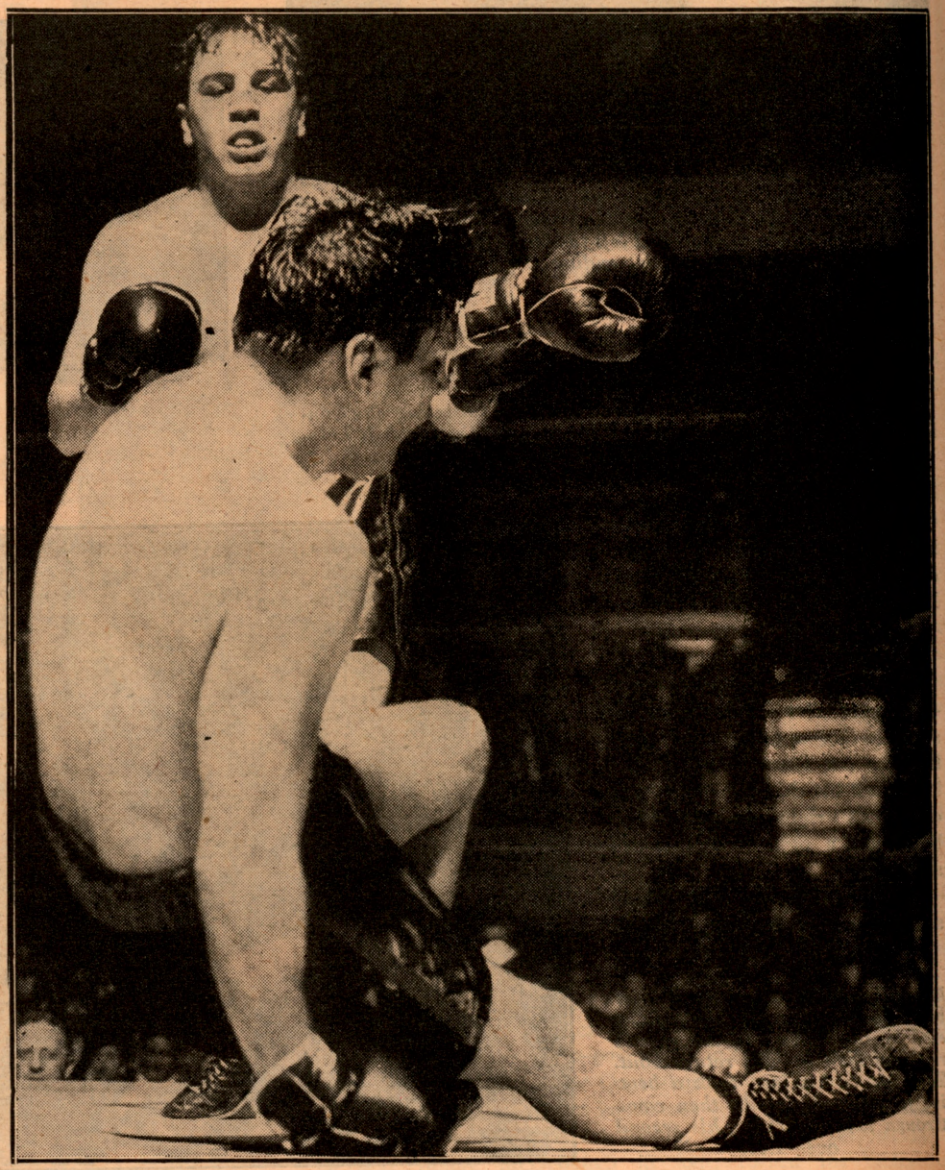
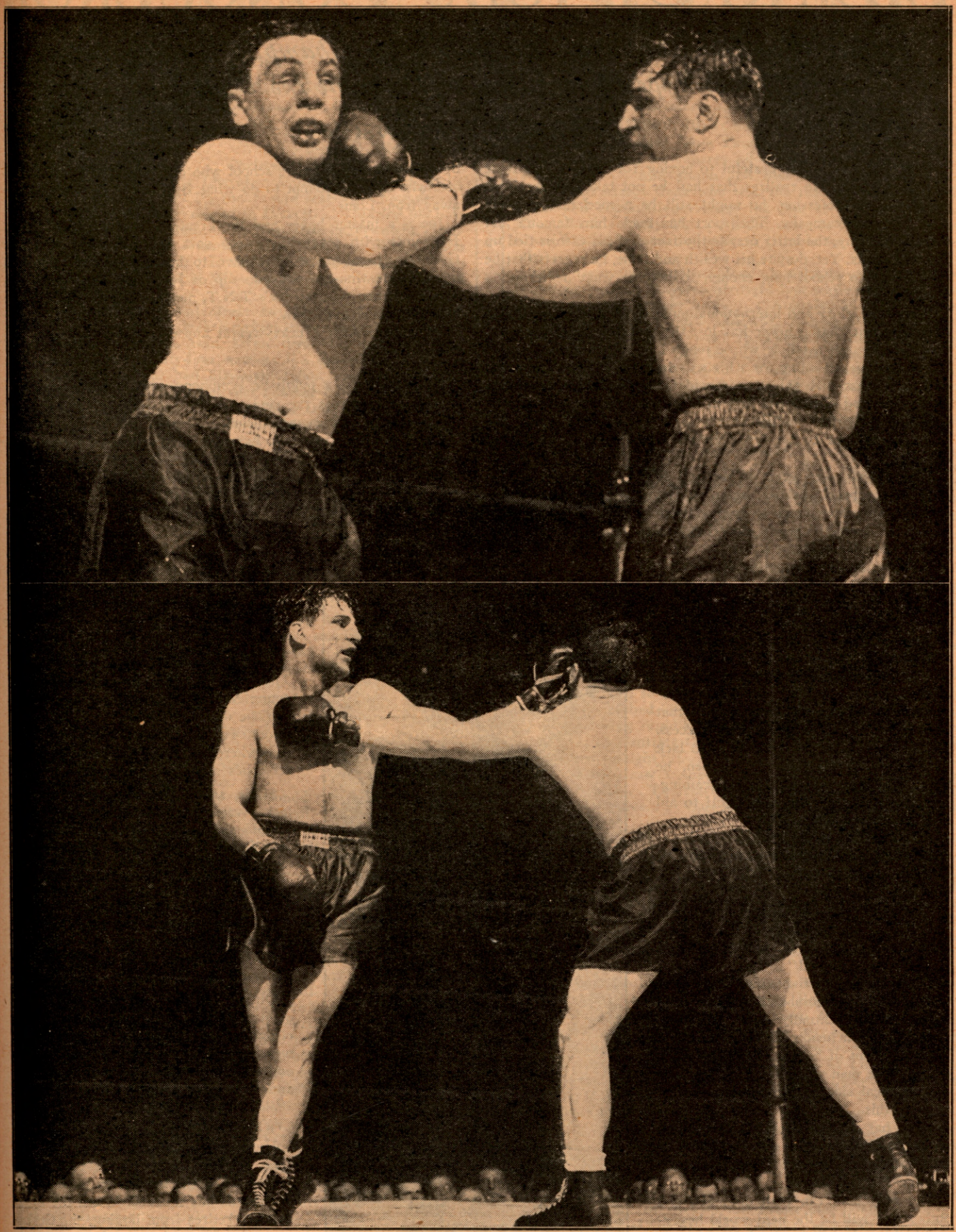


The finish of Lee Oma in his first fight with Mauriello. Here we see Lee resting on the canvas. He dropped more from exhaustion than he did from Tami's blows. Oma was too tired to get to his feet and was counted out. The bout was voted one of the toughest heavyweight scraps of the year—a slam-bang dock brawl. In their second encounter Oma got the verdict in ten rounds and when they clashed for the third time, Mauriello came through with the decision.

TAMI'S WORST SETBACK



Lee Oma crashes his left against Tami's jaw in the final round of their second bout in which Mauriello received a severe pasting. He got the worst beating of his career. Below, we see Oma nonchalantly stepping aside to let Tami's left go by harmlessly and at the same time Lee shoots a stinging left to the face. Lee was stopped in their first engagement and Tami got even for the above defeat when he won their third bout.

SIZING UP JOE'S CONQUEROR

Fighter Who Can Outpunch and Outbox the Champ, a Willing Mixer, Is the Type Most Likely to Dethrone the Bomber

By JAMES P. DAWSON

JOE LOUIS is grateful to boxing for what it has done for him. He realizes that had he not taken up pugilism as a profession, he might still be a mechanic at some motor company. The sport has made him famous and wealthy, the latter despite the fact that his cash is tied up in investments. Yet, despite his wealth and fame, he regrets that he couldn't go to school long enough to become what he terms "a smart man."

For all the glory and international publicity that has been thrust upon him, the champ never has lost the sense of real values. He considers himself a fellow whose tough luck it was not to be able to continue his schooling for a higher education. He has lost much of his shyness and gained a considerable knowledge of things worth knowing during his stay in the army and his wide travelling, and feels that the higher education he so much would like to have, may yet be his—possibly after he hangs up his gloves for good.

"Boxing has been great to me and so have all the people behind the sport. But there is something more to having much money. It's something you can't buy and I wish someday to have it."

Joe is no flashy conversationalist. Yet nothing gets by him for a boy who left school at an early age to work and who never had the advantages of the majority of boys of his age. He expresses himself well though in a few words. He is sincere in his expressions and enjoys the friendship of those he can call his pals.

Louis is fervent in his insistence that legs are the basis of a fighter's success. He lays his defeat by Schmeling to lack of stamina in his legs. Since then, he never neglects road work in his training. He rides horseback and plays golf to aid in leg conditioning.

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JOE was asked by the writer who he thinks is likely to beat him. He shook his head, then replied:

"I dunno. You writers know more about that than I do. But I think it will be a combination boxer and fighter as THE RING recently printed."

Close students of boxing will agree with Joe that a combination boxer and fighter will eventually take him into camp. That conclusion has long been held by the student of boxing. Even the every day fan, the man who doesn't bother with the technical side of the sport, seems to agree to this.

Louis has slipped. Of that there can be no doubt. But he still stands high over the heads of all possible contenders as a fighting machine supreme.

The man who can both outpunch and outbox Joe will be the next world heavyweight king. It will be the fighter who is willing to take a gamble on an exchange of blows, who can outrush the Bomber and outpunch him. He will have to be a fighter of the close range school who can attack with viciousness and who doesn't attempt to do what Billy Conn did—try to stay away from Louis.

Joe is a master boxer and the greatest hitter of recent years. He feints with practically every part of his body. Like Harry Greb, Joe's conqueror will have to be a fighter of perpetual motion, one who can stay on top of Joe, bang away with both fists, duck, and sidestep Joe's T.N.T. punches and deliver effective blows to the champ's jaw.

When will such a heavyweight appear on the horizon? Time alone will tell.

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JOE LOUIS is a pugilistic symphony with a tempo geared to bring him across the ring with all the grace of a gazelle and the cold fury of a mountain lion.

Louis combines exquisite harmony of movement with crushing power stored in each hand. There is rhythm in all his movements.

He glides under the lights like a great brown killer, his feet shuffling on the canvas in a sort of stalking dance. There is something grimly inevitable about his every posture, a strange feeling of impending doom. Slipping in with face expressionless as a stone idol's, slanting eyes hard as jade, he is a sinister figure in any ring.

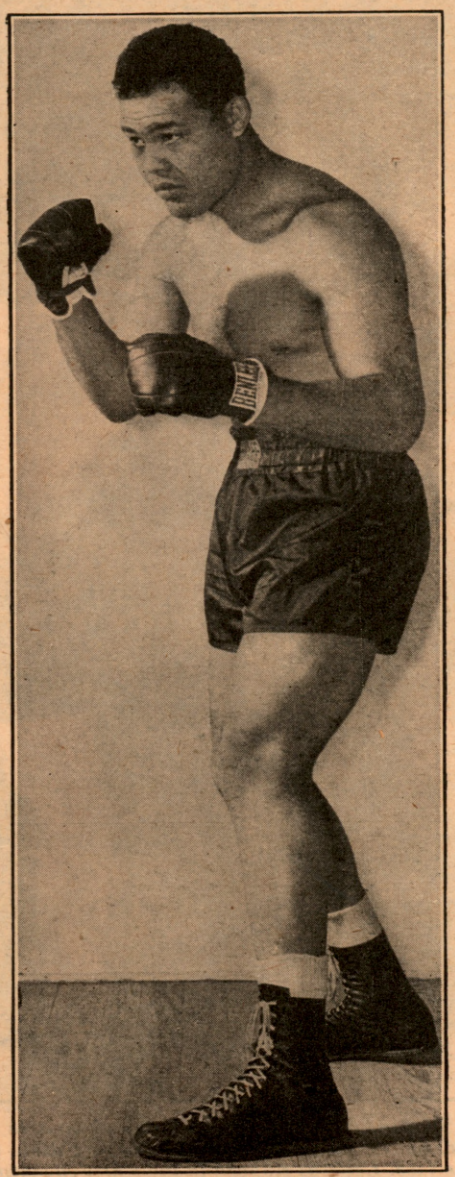
His long muscles slide easily beneath a skin the shade of smoke-cured leather. There is no apparent effort when the young Negro launches the thunderbolt. In fact, he does not seem to drive the punch at all. He appears to release a trigger somewhere within him while the glove screeches off of its own accord.

Louis snaps punches as a magician picks vanishing coins out of the air. Despite the lusty force of the shots, there is a finesse in their delivery, a symmetry of movement.

It seems almost impossible for him to do anything awkwardly. He laces his shoes with debonair grace, he is seldom off balance or out of position, and there is a fluid smoothness in every line which is the trade mark of the cat family.

Outside the ring he carries himself with quiet dignity. He dresses with somber elegance, this 32-year-old fighting man, wearing ties which run to gray or black and dark tweed suits. Reserved in public and averse to gaudy publicity, he can smile with the most perfect teeth in the ring today.

He is a true ambassador of the Negro race. No man in sports, past or present, ever reached the heights in public esteem that Louis has reached. When the Brown Bomber retires from boxing, the Government can do much towards lessening delinquency among Negro children by appointing Joe to a national post where he can devote his time to their uplift.



Joe Louis, the man with the iron fists.

THUMB-NAIL SKETCHES

JOE LOUIS

WAS born at Lafayette, Alabama, May 13, 1914, amidst squalor and poverty. . . . Was the seventh child of Munroe and Lillian Barrow. . . . Christened Joseph Louis Barrow. . . . Comes from hardy Cherokee Indian, Negro and White stock. . . . Stands 6 feet 1¾ inches and scales 204 pounds. . . . While still in his teens moved to Detroit. . . . Started his boxing career as an amateur. . . . Won light-heavyweight championship in National tournament in 1934. . . . Was Golden Gloves title holder. . . . Is under the management of John Roxborough and Marshal Miles but his promotion is handled by Mike Jacobs. . . .

Began his professional career on July 4, 1934, at Chicago, when he knocked out Jack Kracken in one round. . . . Scored forty-three knockouts, won seven decisions, and lost four bouts in a total of fifty-four contests as a simon-pure. . . . As a professional, he has had fifty-eight fights, exclusive of those billed as exhibitions, and of that number he has scored forty-nine knockouts, won eight decisions, and was knocked out once. . . . His other knockouts in contests listed as exhibitions. . . .

Joe Louis has defended his title more times than any man in the history of boxing. . . . He has barred no opponent, mingling with the tall ones, fat ones, short ones, the reputed boxers and heavy hitters. . . . He fears no man. . . .

He is the biggest money maker since Tunney and Dempsey and his record for gate receipts exceeds that of any other fighter in the history of pugilism for the short period during which he has been fighting. . . . Most lucrative bout, his second with Billy Conn. . . . Gross, $1,925,564, exclusive of motion picture and radio rights that brought total beyond the $2,500,000 mark. . . . Received $20,757 during first two years as a pro. . . . Has grossed $3,029,335.28 since starting as a pro. . . .

First Negro fighter since Jack Johnson to win world heavyweight crown. . . . Rated one of heaviest hitters of all time. . . . Can hit with either hand. . . .

Suffered only setback at hands of Max Schmeling. . . . Was stopped in twelfth round. . . . Won title from Jimmy Braddock in Chicago after Joe's kayo by Schmeling. . . . Knocked out champion in eighth round. . . .

Considers his fight with Max Baer his toughest. . . . Is of boxer-hitter school of boxing. . . .

Other than bouts already mentioned, has knockouts over Eddie Simms, 26 secs.; Charley Retzlaff, 1 m. 25 secs.; King Levinsky, 2 m., 21 secs.; Max Baer, 4 rounds; Jack Sharkey, 3 rounds; Max Schmeling, 1 round; Bob Pastor, 11 rounds; Gus Dorazio, 2 rounds; Arturo Godoy, 8 rounds; Billy Conn—first fight, 13 rounds; second fight—8 rounds. . . . Not counting exhibitions, fighters who have lost but managed to go the distance with Louis: Jack Kranz, 6; Adolph Wiater, 10; Patsy Perroni, 10; Natie Brown, 10; Bob Pastor—first fight, 10; Tommy Farr, 15; Arturo Godoy—first fight, 15. . . .

Is divorced. . . . Has one child. . . . Soft spoken, genial, good mixer. . . . Has good sense of humor. . . . Athletically inclined. . . . Loves music and baseball. . . . Superb golfer. . . . As G.I. performed in boxing exhibitions before countless men at front, hospitals, rest centers. . . .

Is model citizen, does everything possible to help fellow Negroes. . . . Going into restaurant business in New York's Harlem. . . . His ambition is to retire from the ring as undefeated heavyweight champion of the world. . . .

Snaps his punches like a magician picks vanishing coins out of the air. . . . Has grace in ring and possesses dignity outside of the roped square. . . . Is reserved in public. . . .

Is one of the most relaxed fighters while in training. . . . Louis' camps are never clouded with tenseness and bickering as a fight date draws near. . . . Loves to sleep. . . . Can hit the hay for an average of fourteen hours a day. . . . In addition to listening to popular recordings, Joe likes to shoot pool or row on the lake near his camp. . . . Is fiercely loyal to old pals. . . . One of his closest friends is Holman Williams, crack middleweight, credited by many as the man who launched Louis on his fistic career.

TAMI MAURIELLO

TAMI MAURIELLO, Bronx heavyweight, will be the fourth New Yorker since Gene Tunney to battle for the heavyweight title when he squares off against Joe Louis on September 18. . . . Abe Simon and Bob Pastor preceded him. Each failed except Gene who won the title. Although record books and commission records list him as 26 years of age, Mauriello is actually 23. . . . Right name is Steven. . . . borrowed brother's name in order to be able to box professionally. . . .

Tami has overcome tremendous obstacles to attain top challenger ranking. . . . Injured his right foot while a boy and has deformity around right heel. . . . Attended P. S. 45 in the Bronx where noted child educator, Angelo Patri, was the supervisor. . . . Later went to Theodore Roosevelt High School in Bronx for five terms. . . . His father, now dead, was a rabid fight fan and took Tami to bouts often . . . . Especially to see a Bronx favorite, Carl Duane, known as the "Bronx Steamroller." . . . Was inspired to become a boxer because of the deeds of several other neighborhood fighters who were making good in the ring. . . .

Started as an amateur welterweight. . . . won the Golden Gloves 147 pounds Open title. . . . Also represented the United States in an amateur tourney against Cuba's best at Havana. . . . Turned pro in 1939. . . . Ran up a string of 24 straight wins. . . . Half ending in kayoes. . . . Biggest feat was halting ringwise Eric Seelig, former European middleweight king, which earned him a Garden shot with Billy Soose. . . . Had his ears neatly pinned back by the former collegian. . . . Determined to become a better fighter, Tami trained hard, scored eight kayoes and was matched with neighborhood rival, Steve Belloise. . . . Steve was established as a 1 to 2 favorite, having twice boxed Ken Overlin fifteen rounds in vain attempts to capture the middleweight crown. . . .

Mauriello electrified Garden crowd by stowing Steve away in one heat with so savage a display of punching power that most writers tabbed him as the next middleweight champ. . . . He was growing rapidly, however, and the fall of the same year, 1941, was battling Gus Lesnevich for Billy Conn's vacated light-heavyweight title. . . . He was barely eighteen years old. . . . First bout saw Lesnevich win split decision which was roundly booed. . . The referee awarded Tami ten rounds and gave Gus only five. . . . Lost another tough one in the second bout. . . .

Still growing, the young, strong Italian invaded the heavyweight division. . . . Still retained his punching power. . . . Stiffened his first six heavyweight opponents. . . . In 41 heavyweight tilts he has scored 29 knockouts. . . . Bettered Louis' time in stopping Tony Musto and equalled it in his first fray with Lou Nova. . . . Currently possesses a string of 11 straight knockouts. . . . Never in a dull fight, win or lose. . . . Has come off the deck several times in career to cop a thriller. . . .

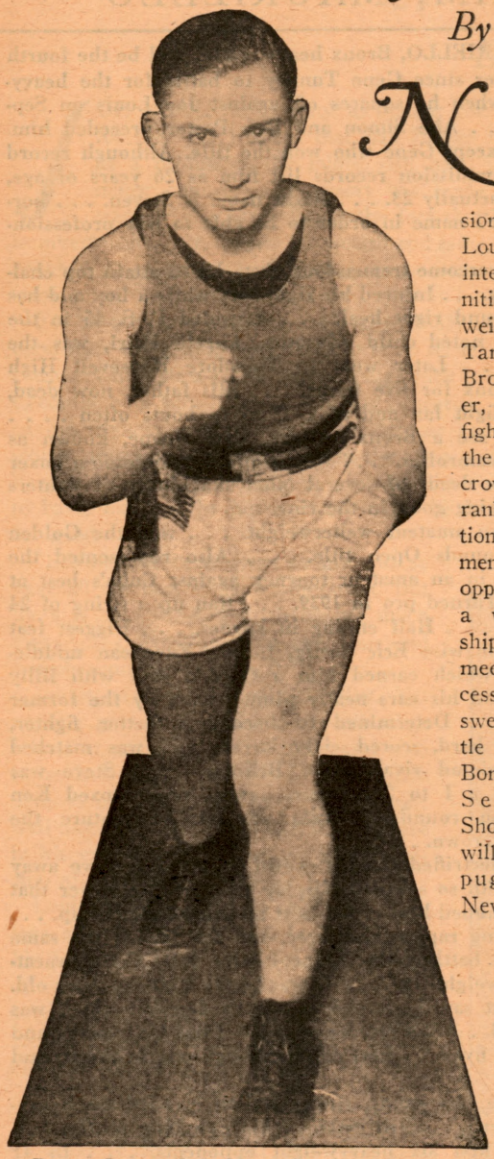
Louis is at his best against battlers who come to him. Men on bicycle out of range always give Bomber trouble. Bob Pastor, an example. . . . Took champ thirteen and eight rounds to catch up with Billy Conn because of that. . . . Chances against Mauriello therefore are very good since Tami cannot do much retreating because of his leg injury.

Best punch a left hook. . . . Packs a hefty short right too. . . . Mauriello is just a shade under six feet tall. . . . Scales around 195 pounds. . . . Is a neat dresser with a preference for sports clothes. . . . His black hair is always neatly combed. . . . Owns a tavern in his neighborhood where he is extremely popular. . . . Is followed to fights by an organized group of rooters known as the "Gangbusters." . . . Tami is one of eight children. . . . He is married and has a baby boy. . . . Still lives in the Bronx and numbers among his close personal friends, Jake LaMotta and Phil Terranova.

Tami is a stand-up swatter. . . . Has an abundance of courage. . . . Can take and give. . . . Very good at mixing with opponent . . . Has flattened 51 of his 77 foes, losing only seven bouts. Has won his last 12 bouts.

17 RING KINGS SAW *the* LIGHT *of* DAY *in* NEW YORK

By THE OBSERVER



Benny Leonard, lightweight champion.

NEW YORK has had no world champion crowned in any division since 1940 when Lou Salica gained international recognition as bantamweight king. When Tami Mauriello, the Bronx tavern keeper, was signed to fight Joe Louis for the heavyweight crown, he joined the ranks of many nationally famous ringmen who received an opportunity to gain a world championship. Whether he can meet the test successfully, will be answered after the battle with the Brown Bomber is over, on September 18. Should he win, he will be the second pugilist, born in New York City, to hold the heavyweight title, Gene Tunney being the only one thus far to gain such honors. Tom Hyer, the first American fighter to engage in a heavyweight title bout in this country, won his laurels back in 1847, but he never held the world championship.

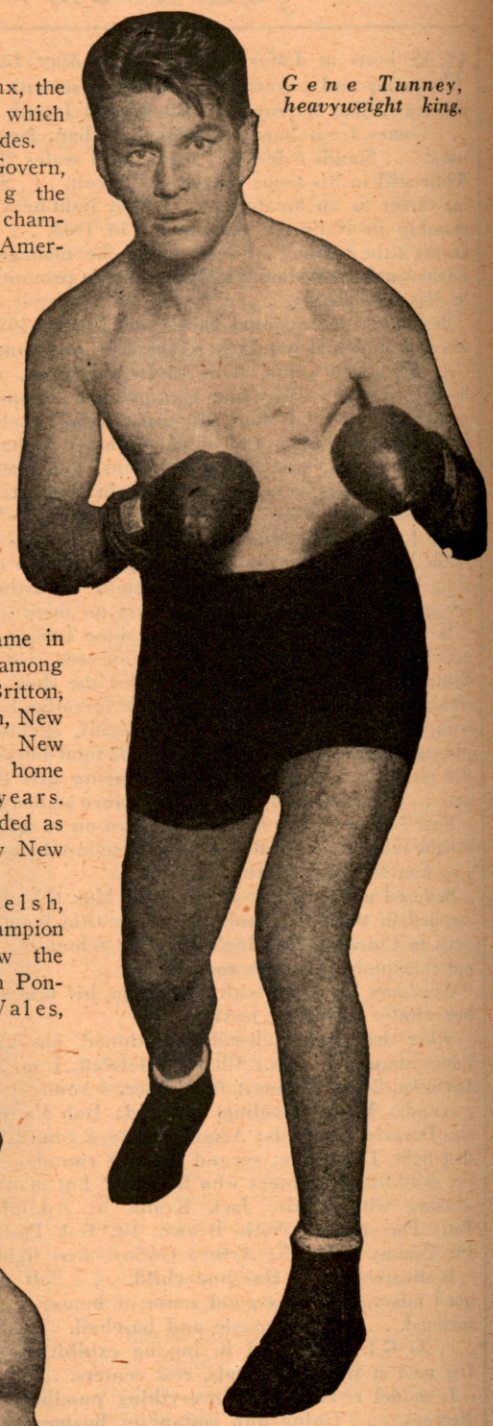
Of the long list of champions in the various classes, New York City furnished only seventeen men who had a clear claim to the international laurels. Gene Tunney is listed once as world heavyweight and again as American light-heavyweight king. The title claims of Ben Jeby, Mike Belloise, Pete Scalzo, Solly Krieger and Izzy Schwartz were challenged. Each was recognized either by the New York Commission or by the National Boxing Association only. They deserve some recognition, at least as the outstanding men of their divisions.

Many of Pop Knickerbocker's title holders lived across the bridge in Brooklyn. Schwartz, Rosenberg and Goldstein came from the Bronx, the borough in which Mauriello resides.

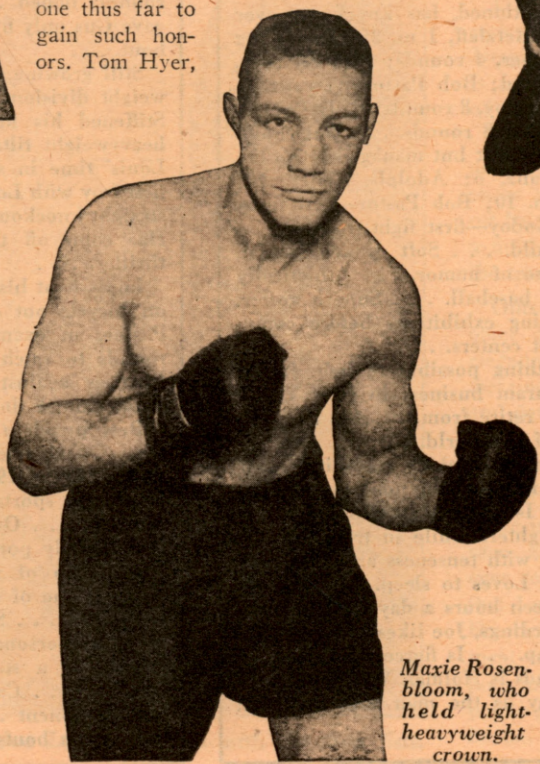
Terry McGovern, besides being the world bantam champion, held the American featherweight title, also.

Many of the champions who were not born in New York made their home in the big city. George Dixon, who first broke into the boxing game in Boston, was among them. Jack Britton, born in Clinton, New York, made New York City his home for many years. He was regarded as a local boy by New Yorkers.

Freddie Welsh, lightweight champion who first saw the light of day in Pontypridd, Wales, birthplace of Tommy Farr, and came to New York via Canada, made Pop Knick's city his home. In later years he moved to Summit, New Jersey. He drew on his first set of boxing gloves in this country and made his early boxing reputation in America. Later he went back to England and won the British title. He defeated Willie Ritchie in London for world

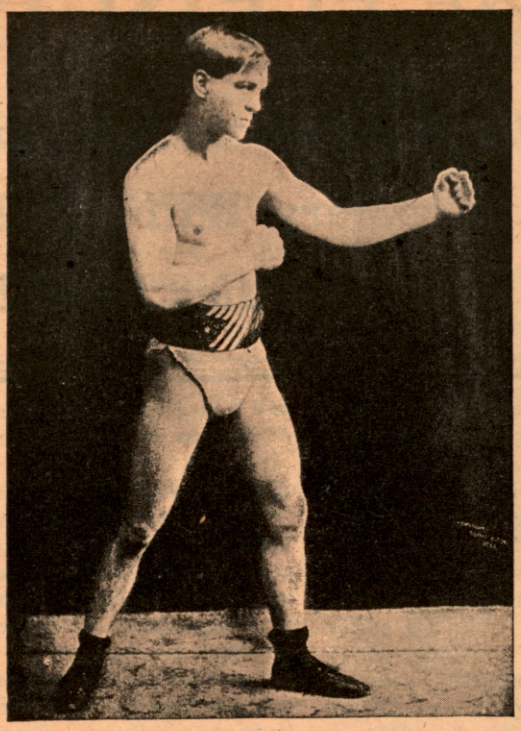


Gene Tunney, heavyweight king.



Maxie Rosenbloom, who held light-heavyweight crown.

Al McCoy, middleweight champ.



Terry McGovern, bantam crown wearer.

Bob Olin, light-heavyweight champion.

honors and lost his crown to Benny Leonard. In later years he lived in Summit, New Jersey. Tony Canzoneri, although born in Louisiana, fought out of New York City.

McAuliffe and Nonpareil Jack Dempsey were born in Ireland but made New York their home from early childhood. McGovern first saw light in Johnston, Pa., but like the two famous Greenpoint Jacks above named, McGovern, known as the South Brooklyn terror, was as much a New Yorker as is Benny Leonard, who was born and raised in Harlem.

McAuliffe and Dempsey were New York's first two champions, though in the days before them when the London prize ring code governed the game, both Johnny Dwyer of Brooklyn, and Paddy Ryan of Troy, who made Brooklyn his home, had good claims on the American heavyweight title. In some quarters Jim Dunn of Brooklyn also was hailed as American champion. Dempsey and McAuliffe were New York's first two Queensberry champions. Modern boxing virtually dates from the advent of the Queensberry code.

Jack McAuliffe won the lightweight diadem and retired undefeated. Some boxing experts claim he was not the world champion inasmuch as he failed to defeat Jem Carney, the British titleholder. McAuliffe and Carney fought for the lightweight championship of the world and a stake of $4,500 at Revere Beach, just outside Boston, Mass., on November 16, 1887. After fighting 74 rounds (four hours and 58 minutes), the ring was invaded and the fight broken up. The pair were fighting on even terms and it was anybody's fight at the time of the ring invasion.

The fight was a bitter one and much hard feeling resulted. Carney on all occasions refused to speak to McAuliffe until January in 1914, when they met in London and were brought together by Dick Burge, the former British lightweight champion, who was beaten for the world's lightweight title by Kid Lavigne. Burge in 1914 was conducting The Ring, London's famous fight club. He patched up the old feud between McAuliffe and Carney.

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JACK DEMPSEY, the Nonpareil, was as great a middleweight as McAuliffe was a lightweight. Dempsey, McAuliffe and Jack Skelly all hailed from Brooklyn, and were known as the "Three Jacks." Later the appellation was given to Dempsey, McAuliffe and John L. Sullivan. Dempsey's right name was Kelly. His stepfather's name was Dempsey and that is how he got the name.

From the time Dempsey first broke into pugilistic prominence in 1883 until George La Branche stopped him with the famous pivot blow of "The Marine" in the thirty-second round in San Francisco in 1889, Dempsey never lost a contest. Dempsey's right to the American middleweight title was unchallenged. He met Bob Fitzsimmons for the world's title in 1891 and after a great contest was knocked out in the thirteenth round.

Dempsey, it is said, was in the early stages of the dreaded consumption when he was beaten by Fitzsimmons in 1891. He kept fighting, however, for several years. His last big fight was with Tommy Ryan at Coney Island in 1895, Ryan winning in three rounds. Jack made his last ring appearance at a benefit tendered him on June 8, 1895. He died soon afterward. He is buried in faraway Portland, Ore.

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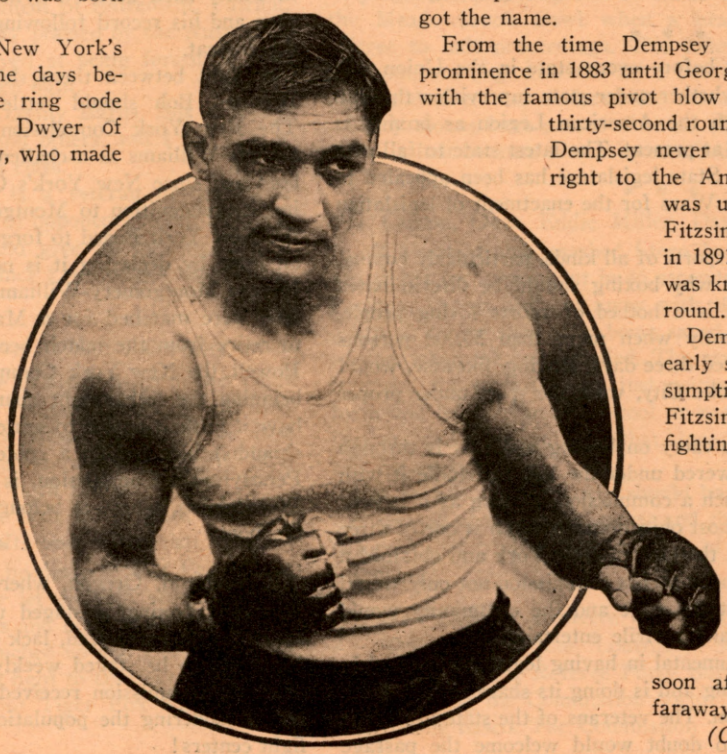

Paul Berlenbach, who headed light-heavyweight division.

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Willie Pep Spectacular in Victory

Montgomery-Williams Bout in Order

Ring Oddities Hold Fans' Attention

WILLIE PEP, featherweight champion, continues to hold public attention by his spectacular fighting. Though dropped twice with powerful right hooks, he came through with a knockout victory over Jackie Graves in what George Barton, chairman of the Minnesota boxing commission and veteran sports scribe of the Minneapolis *Journal* described as one of the most spectacular fights ever seen in that state. The end came in the eighth round after Graves had been dropped for the tenth time. The finish found Graves flat on his back following a vicious right to the chin. He managed to get to his feet as Referee Johnny Sokol reached nine but he was too far gone to continue. Jackie sank to the floor and it was all over.

The fact that the fight drew for Tony Stecher's club 9033 persons who paid a gross of $39,254, is another indication that the small boys are coming into their own again. It also is a good gauge on boxing throughout the country. When Minneapolis can draw that huge sum, the sport must be in a most healthy condition.

Graves was subject to a frightful beating yet won the admiration of the gathering by his game showing. But the lad who has been touted to the skies as a contender for championship honors proved that he is not in the same class with the titleholder.

Mike Gibbons, the "Phantom," one of the classiest boxers of his time, commenting on Pep's showing, remarked:

"I just thrill at that boy's performance. He is a marvel of boxing perfection. He does things in the ring that I never expected to see again. There is nothing he cannot do. I'd pay even to see him shadow box."

Coming from such a great fistic critic as Mike Gibbons, this commendation should make the world featherweight king extremely happy.

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IT WON'T be long now before every state in the Union will have legalized boxing, whether under state supervision through commission rule or through the American Legion as boxing is carried on in several states at present. The latest state to fall into line is Utah. The Mormon State legislature has been appealed to by the Veterans of Foreign Wars for the enactment of legislation to legalize the sport.

The nation is hungry for sports of all kinds, particularly boxing, and there seems no reason why boxing should be discriminated against in any state. Utah is a hotbed of sports loving people. This was exemplified recently when more than 50,000 persons paid to see a rodeo that lasted three days. Boxing, likewise, would go big, especially in Salt Lake City, were the sport under proper control.

There is only one way to carry on boxing and that is through a commission that is empowered under the law to handle it with a firm hand. Utah needs such a commission. Boxing as it is now carried out in that state is most objectionable. Utah is one of three states that has not followed the lead of New York and obtained a law for commission rule. Under such a commission not only would boxing prosper in Utah but the state and the community would benefit by means of taxes and a virile entertainment.

THE RING has been instrumental in having legislation passed in several states for legal boxing and is doing its share to help Utah enact a law for a commission. The veterans of the state are for it and the people generally no doubt would welcome the passage of a boxing bill. It looks like Utah will be in line with forty-three of its sister states ere long.

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THE Cincinnati Boxing Commission has decreed that it will not permit the use of a guest referee for any fights staged under its jurisdiction. When the match between Ezzard Charles and Lloyd Marshall was made, I was contacted by the promoter and asked to accept the job as third man in the ring. I had tentatively agreed and received word from the commission that I was acceptable for the post. But the following day I notified the promoter that I could not act and Benny Leonard was substituted.

It was then that the commission issued an edict that there will be no guest referees in Cincinnati. Instead, the commission lifted the ceiling on the price to be paid to its home officials, an excellent gesture, and had Earl Butler, Pat Daly, Young Camille and Willie Purcell, the four local referees, draw for the assignment.

Charles knocked out Marshall in the sixth round.

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OVER in England, the British Board of Boxing Control has announced that it will recognize the winner of the Ike Williams and Ronnie James fight as the world lightweight champion and will ignore the claim of Bob Montgomery to world honors. Since Williams is the N.B.A. titleholder and James the British Empire champion, should Williams win as is expected, he will have a better claim to world honors than will Montgomery, yet neither he nor Montgomery can gain the international laurels so far as THE RING is concerned, before they fight it out, since Montgomery kayoed Ike in the twelfth round of a furious fight in Philly back in 1944. Williams has traveled a long way since then and his record following that kayo is as good as is that of the Bobcat.

A fight between them should be arranged, a battle between Ike and Bob should settle the matter of world supremacy. The New York Commission should see to it that Montgomery accepts Williams as a challenger. Williams is entitled to a return bout and since New York's Commission was responsible for giving its recognition to Montgomery as world champ, it behooves the New York Board to forget its unwarranted policy of ducking an issue by declaring it is not a matchmaking organization and force a Montgomery-Williams battle. Especially so since Ike and Bob were matched for a March 22 fight and Montgomery had to retire from the match because of illness. Messrs. Eagan and Powell, the New York Commissioners, should show backbone by bringing the lightweight championship claims to an issue. They have it in their power to settle the matter of world supremacy and shouldn't hide behind a subterfuge. Leo Rains, chairman of the Pennsylvania Commission, is eager to have this bout staged in Philadelphia, where it belongs and should be aided in obtaining the bout.

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IN Portland, Oregon, where Joe Waterman operated as promoter, boxing is staged under a commission. Although the sport is well patronized, lack of classy talent makes it impossible for bouts to be staged weekly; yet for the few shows held this year, the commission received a total of $12,231.95 in taxes. Not bad, considering the population as compared to our big Eastern fight centers!

Under the Portland law, 60 per cent of the taxes must go to nationally recognized veterans' organizations having posts in Portland and the remainder is given to charity. Unlike other states where boxing is carried on under commission rule, not a penny of the taxes goes to the state treasury. As a rule the milk fund receives whatever remains after each veterans' organization gets its allotment.

That, in my opinion, is a far more satisfactory arrangement than to have the state treasury enriched with such funds. Think of the thousands of persons in need of help who could be benefitted by such a law in New York where more than a million dollars goes into the state coffers annually after all expenses are paid for hired help, commissioners, etc., under our Walker Law!

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DOWN in New Orleans the folks are complaining that the fine record of Jock Leslie, who has won eight of nine fights this year, seven of them in New Orleans, is being built up on matches that are not in line with the ability of the fighter. During the early part of the year, Leslie faced opposition of a caliber that compared favorably with that of Jock, but as the lad kept piling up victories, the opposition became weaker.

On July 24, Leslie faced Sammy Parrotta, who in his only other fight since November, 1945, had been on the losing end of a ten-rounder with Charley Cabey Lewis. Leslie knocked out Parrotta in the fifth round and a cry went up from the New Orleans press that the Commission must exercise better judgment in passing on future opponents for the victor, who is well liked in that city and has become one of its best drawing cards. Fred Digby, in commenting on the scheduled contest days before it took place, called attention to Parrotta's poor physical condition and the fact that he has been inactive. He told both the commission and the fans that Sammy was suffering from an eye injury, yet no attention was paid to this veteran scribe. Manager Krell apparently wanted a soft one for Jock and he had his way but the fight fans, as is usual in such cases, were the sufferers.

The trouble with boxing today is lack of ability on the part of commissions or a desire to play favorites either with politicians, managers or promoters. An iron hand is needed to curb boxing fiascoes and the sooner boxing commissions get hep to the job, the better for the game.

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VIC PATRICK, Australia's double champion, holder of the light and welter titles, has decided to retire from the higher division and to devote all of his boxing efforts hereafter to the lightweight class. In issuing his statement of retirement, Patrick, a southpaw with a hefty wallop, highly praised by the Australian fight experts, said that he was annoyed at being forced to give away fourteen or more pounds for each fight.

"I have conceded big weights to Tommy Burns, Bos Murphy, Les Sloan, Carl Dell, Jimmy Brunt and others, and I feel that it is better for me to remain in my own class."

Vic is twenty-six years old and is a veteran of the roped square. Unless he can obtain the kind of opponents worth tackling, he says he may go into business and give up fighting. He is the greatest attraction in Australia since Les Darcy's time.

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IT happened during the past month: At Salt Lake City when the fans disagreed with the referee in his decision in the Tiger Jack Fox-Windmill Pearce fight, the referee changed his decision but the man whom he had previously named the winner refused to continue. The upshot was that the veteran heavyweight, Fox, received credit for a knockout in the third round.

Referee Al Ablett had stopped the bout in the third after the Tiger had unloosed a barrage of lefts and rights that dropped the Windmill twice. However, when he declared that Pearce was badly outclassed, the defeated fighter let go with several swings at the referee, then climbed the ropes and made a beeline for the dressing room. But the fight fans bunched up and indicated in no uncertain terms that they wanted the fight to continue whereupon Pearce hustled back into the ring but Tiger Fox was adamant in his refusal.

Joe Curcio of Newark, N. J., being helped back to his corner by his handlers after being unable to answer the bell for the second round in his bout with Ray Robinson. Dr. William Walker, New York State Boxing Commission physician, stands at the left.

"I won the fight, got the decision and I won't fight any more tonight," he said.

The referee, finding proceedings a little uncomfortable, raised his hand and shouted to the fight mob:

"Waddaya want? The boy slugged me five times and didn't hurt me any, so how the hell is he going to hurt the Tiger?"

His remarks seemed to satisfy the fans and they let it go at that.

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IN Newark, New Jersey, welterweights Freddie Archer and Jorge Morelia fought two rounds of their scheduled bout at the Meadowbrook Bowl when a heavy downpour caused the referee to halt proceedings. The following night they resumed the bout, starting with the third session, and at the end of ten rounds, Archer was declared the winner.

Many moons have passed since an official took it upon himself to call a halt because of rain once a bout was started.

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IN Canton, Ohio, Eddie Miller, Dayton middleweight, roared off his stool and smashed Steve Izzy with half a dozen lefts and rights for a knockout in 46 seconds of the third round at the Parkway Arena and got away with this unique kayo. Izzy was squatting on the stool after being saved by the bell in the previous session, when the bell sounded. The water bucket was still in the ring and the seconds were just getting out when Miller rushed forth and let Izzy have it, stool or not. Referee Purcell counted Izzy out and later explained that since the bell had sounded, there was no alternative.

But he was mistaken. He should have seen to it that the ring was cleared of the water bucket and the fighter was off the stool before Miller could take advantage of the situation and land the haymaker.

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IN New Orleans, a referee was fined! That's news!

On July 30 the Louisiana State Boxing Commission plastered a fine on Referee Patsy Boyle for violating the rule in not consulting the Commission doctor prior to stopping the Parrotta-Leslie fiasco. The Commission *(Continued on page 38)*

Wyatt Earp's Gun Cowed Fans

One Time U. S. Marshal, a Romantic Character, Had Hectic Experience in Fitz-Sharkey Battle on Coast

By THE OLD TIMER

WYATT EARP, frontier marshal, who was as deadly with a six-shooter as any gun fighter in the old West, was one of a large number of prairie government agents who could look straight into the bore of a gun and keep on coming. He was one of the fearless school of fighters who helped clear the West of its bad men. Like Bat Masterson, he was a close follower of boxing and a keen sportsman.

His activities in the wild, bad days of the West and Klondike, made good copy. He listed many famous sports as his friends, among them Tex Rickard, Masterson and Wilson Mizner.

As for Earp, his reputation was gained in the early 90's when, as a noted shot and United States deputy marshal at Tombstone, Ariz., he made his mark. Although Earp's fame lay in his ability to hit the bull's eye without taking aim, the feat that brought him into the sporting limelight had nothing to do with his duties as a member of Uncle Sam's constabulary. It was in conjunction with the Fitzsimmons-Sharkey battle on the Coast which Earp refereed.

Wyatt Earp

Earp came from a family of crack shots. There were four brothers, Wyatt, Virgil, Warren and Julian, and like the late Bat Masterman and Tex Rickard, they were fearless in their hazardous surroundings. Wyatt himself, was credited with ten scalps, one that of his own brother-in-law, Ike Clauton. Each brother was credited with being able to hit the center of a target in less than a tenth-of-a-second after the draw.

Of the four, Wyatt was the best shot. He was a grim, game, fearless fighter who made the ruffians respect him and the law, and when it came to gun pulling, no six-shooter made Wyatt tremble.

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IT was this kind of fellow who was selected to referee the Fitz-Sharkey battle on which thousands of dollars were wagered. In fact, the bout, staged on December 2, 1896, was one of the heaviest betting affairs recorded in those days of California fights. It created the same interest that a heavyweight contest of worth would create nowadays and the betting favored Fitzsimmons 1 to 2½.

Like the Jeffries-Johnson tilt, which caused considerable wrangling before Tex Rickard was finally decided upon as the referee, so this Fitz-Sharkey contest was one of continuous bickerings until Fitz, contrary to his wishes, was forced to accept Wyatt Earp, Sharkey's man, as the third fellow in the ring.

Earp was unknown to the majority of the fight fans, but when he stepped into the ring, a commotion was raised when Police Captain Whitman noticed a big gun bulging from Wyatt's hip pocket. He stopped Earp and frisked him, but found that the referee had a permit to carry the gun and also had a certified check for $10,000 in his pocket as payment for the winner of the bout.

The contest, staged at the Mechanic's Pavilion of San Francisco before about 15,000 fight fans, ended in the same kind of commotion as did the Sharkey-Dempsey battle in Madison Square Garden, many years later, and to this day, those who saw the Coast fray, still discuss Earp's decision.

In the eighth round, Fitz had Sharkey wabbly and he landed a right to the jaw and a left to the wind which Sailor Tom's seconds called unfair. Before the fight fans knew what had happened, Earp handed the battle to Sharkey on a foul. At the time the sailor boy was in bad shape and bleeding while "Freckled Bob" looked fresh as a daisy and according to all unbiased critics had won that fight fairly on a knockout.

Judge then of the paralyzing effect which the referee's decision had upon the vast crowd to whom Sharkey's utter annihilation was most apparent. Earp explained to the astonished members of the press grouped about the ringside that Fitzsimmons had struck a blow below the belt in the last furious rally, which brought the contest to a conclusion.

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FITZ and his friends asserted that they had been tricked and forced the matter into the California courts to restrain the fight club from paying over the stake of $10,000 to the declared winner. Judge Anderson threw the case out of court in a rather interesting decision after witnesses on both sides had been heard.

"I may as well end this matter right here," said the learned judge. "If the gentlemen will take the trouble to look into a dictionary and the legal lexicons, they will find that to 'box' is to 'fight'; that the terms 'boxer' and 'fighter' are synonymous and the consequence is that this exhibition, whatever it may be called, was a fight, which the supervisors have sought to legalize.

"In my opinion, under the statute, standing as it does now, they can no more legalize a fight in this city than they can legalize a duel and this is simply the attempt under an ordinance to disobey the laws. There is no question in my mind that the parties in this engagement are indictable under the law and that the people who witnessed it are amenable as law-breakers. The motion for an injunction is denied. Complaint should be stricken from the files."

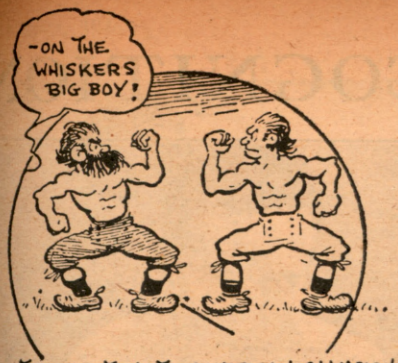
So Bob lost his court fight as well as the ring battle and the $10,000. Earp always maintained that he had acted honestly when he declared a foul, but that was the last fight he was ever called upon to referee. The verdict was an unpopular one and Earp departed for his home with the jeers and shoutings of the crowd ringing in his ears. No one sought to molest him, however. His reputation of being quick on the trigger kept the violent ones at a distance.

Fitz had an army of admirers, and though they were afraid to molest Earp openly, they flooded the newspapers with abusive letters in which they tried to prove their case, namely that the referee had given Ruby Robert an unfair deal. Bob tried to halt the attacks but without avail. Finally Earp issued a statement in which he asked that those who found fault with his decision, face him and tell him so, but no one accepted the defi.

Fitzsimmons finally got revenge and in a fight at Coney Island on August 24, 1900, he knocked Sharkey out in the second round. There never was any question in my mind that Fitz won the 1896 fight honestly. He outfought Sharkey for seven rounds and Earp, who never had had previous experience in the ring only declared a foul after Danny Lynch, Sharkey's manager, and Sharkey had cried foul in the eighth.

No one has ever proved that Wyatt Earp ever profited a nickel from the fight, but the verdict, nevertheless, was a raw one.

FROM THE OLDTIMER'S SCRAP BOOK



THE FIRST WHITE AMERICAN CHAMPION, JACOB HYER, HID HIS CHIN BEHIND A BEARD.

BACK in the early nineties, the custom of appointing famous fighters as referees of important matches got under way. Not that the promoters and public were displeased with the officiating of the famous arbiters who frequently worked as third man in the ring, but because of the added attraction. This was the case when Jim Jeffries was appointed referee of the Hart-Root battle and several other stellar events.

It was not until many years later, however, that the practice became more frequent, especially following Dempsey's knockout of Jess Willard. Jack became a big attraction everywhere he went and his manager, Jack Kearns, also saw to it that the Manassa Mauler got well paid for services. It remained for Leonard Sachs, who succeeded Kearns as Dempsey's manager, and later, Max Waxman, who is now Jack's business partner, to get the most for guest refereeing. Between them, they got more than a million dollars for Jack for refereeing fights and wrestling bouts.

Back in 1921, a bout was arranged between Danny Frush and Johnny Kilbane in Cleveland and the promoters made an offer of $2500 to Dempsey to referee. He quickly accepted because of the fabulous sum offered him. But the Boxing Commission stepped in and refused to grant permission for the appearance of Dempsey as a guest official. In turning down Dempsey, the official statement given to the press was: "We will not permit Dempsey to referee. The fact that a man is a great fighter doesn't mean that he is a competent referee. We have our own officials and consider them good enough to handle any bout. Too often guest referees have erred in judgment and ruined a fight by poor officiating."

Thus Jack lost out but only temporarily for in recent years he has been the guest referee not only in Cleveland but in every big city of the country and no better "third man" can be found than the former heavyweight king.

We agree that because a man is a good fighter does not necessarily follow that he is a good referee.

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OFTEN quite the contrary has been proved. Jimmy Gardner, for instance, was an excellent welterweight in his day, but he didn't exactly cover himself with glory on that memorable occasion in Cleveland, when he declared Johnny Wilson winner over Bryan Downey on a foul, after the latter knocked the former out. The crowd would cheerfully have murdered Jimmy that night, and made heroic efforts in that direction.

Nobody ever saw the late Bob Fitzsimmons lose his head in action. Even when Jim Corbett dropped him for an eight count in the early stages of their great battle at Carson City, when Fitz won the world's title, the gaunt, freckled warrior, while resting on one knee, listening to Referee George Siler toll off the fatal seconds, was perhaps the coolest guy, mentally, in the immense crowd. The roar of the excited mob could have been heard a mile away, but Fitz, his upturned, blood-stained visage wreathed in a grim smile, never betrayed a single nervous tremor. He was a regular human iceberg, was old Fitz, and when he arose, boxed as calmly as though no championship honors depended on his exertions. This coolness under fire was a marked Fitzsimmons characteristic and one that never deserted him in battle.

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ONE would naturally imagine that Fitz would have discharged a referee's duties without exhibiting any signs of disquietude. But such was not the case. He tried it once, when persuaded to umpire a bout for the featherweight championship between Terry McGovern and Dave Sullivan at Louisville in 1902. And the result was that Bob declared he would confine his ring efforts to slugging for the future.

Sullivan gave McGovern a hot argument and Fitz was kept busy shuffling around after the two active youngsters. Dave met Terry coming in with one of his noted rushes, clipped him neatly on the chin-point, and down went the champion. He was knocked temporarily groggy, took nearly nine seconds on the floor, and, as he arose, grabbed hold of Sullivan's legs. Fitz should have interfered, but seemed to have completely lost his head amid the yells of the spectators, and, instead of admonishing McGovern, shoved Sullivan back several feet.

McGovern was declared winner in the fifteenth round, but the decision was greeted with considerable hooting and Fitz came in for a good deal of adverse criticism. He was thoroughly disgusted, swore he was off the referee game for life, and kept his word. But Sullivan never forgot or forgave him. Dave always claimed that McGovern was down for a full count and, further, that he could have stopped him when he got to his feet had Fitz not aided the feather champ.

However that may have been, there was a funny aftermath to the affair. Twelve years later, when Fitz and Dave had both retired, they met in a New York cafe. Dave had put on considerable heft, looked like a heavyweight and, probably having a few drinks under his belt at the time, the thought of his ancient wrongs proved too much for his Irish temper. Anyway, he suddenly slammed Fitzsimmons. The latter came back at him and they clinched. Bystanders broke them apart and persuaded Dave to beat it. The Irish lad complied, but as he left, still complained bitterly of the deal he got from Fitz, which, according to his way of looking at it, cost him the featherweight championship of the world.

JOHN L. SULLIVAN WAS THE MOST PICTURESQUE OF ALL THE CHAMPIONS.

YEARS ago when Harry Forbes held the bantamweight championship he was matched to box a Negro boy named Whittaker. The latter, tall and rangy, made a good showing during the opening of a six-round go, but faded away under heavy body punishment, which Forbes was an adept at administering. He hit the canvas several times and the final bell found him a very badly used-up fighter.

After the battle Whittaker went into his dressing room. The dusky youth was stripped and called attention to a huge half-healed scar, several inches in length, which ran in a perpendicular line down his abdomen. He was grinning happily and proceeded to tell a tale.

A few weeks before the fight, Whittaker had an attack of appendicitis. They rushed him to the hospital, where he was operated upon. But such a little thing didn't interfere with Whittaker's hope of collecting at least the loser's end by facing Forbes. The club doctor examined a Negro lad whom he was told was Whittaker and pronounced him fit to appear. But the chap whom he gave the once-over was one of Whittaker's faithful seconds, who for a consideration, had agreed to act as a substitute in the dressing-room. Just how it happened that the reckless one didn't meet with a sudden and appalling death under the bombardment of stomach punches he absorbed, can only be attributed to the kindly interposition of that all-seeing Providence, who watches over the safety of children and fools—while the flower of the land are cut down by motor and street cars. When Forbes was told the kind of target he had been pummelling, the bantam champion almost collapsed with fright over the close shave he had had of figuring as the principal in a ring fatality. But the cheerfully idiotic Whittaker was serenely content and satisfied.

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THE modern glove fighter has good reason to thank his stars that he isn't obliged to undergo the tribulations under which his predecessors in the game of hit-hop-and-get-away labored. His services are always in demand, the bouts he participates in are limited as to the number of rounds, and he has no trouble in collecting what is due him for his exertions.

Away back in the early nineties, when finish fights were in order on the Pacific Coast, two welterweights, Meehan and Fitzpatrick, met before the California Athletic Club. In the fourth round both men came from their corners with a rush. Each swung and landed a right plumb on the jaw point; both flopped heavily on the

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CAMPAIGNING *for* RECOGNITION

"Chief" Gordon House, popular Houston, Tex., lightweight, who is a full-blooded Cherokee Indian.

MICKEY DE BERRY

DON DERO, well-known Utica, N. Y., fight manager, believes he has a splendid bet for professional 175-pound fame in the person of Mickey De Berry, Amsterdam, N. Y., amateur. As a middleweight medal chaser, De Berry amassed a good record and following thanks to his string of hot wins in Upstate simon-pure competition. A comparative newcomer to the ring, De Berry has beaten Jackie Wilson, Jackie Flowers, Pete Sharkey and Frankie Pulmes, among other highly rated upper New York simon-pure scrappers.

Mentor Dero has put Mickey through an intense training grind in preparation for his imminent pro debut.

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BILL SAWYERS

TOUTED as a pure-blooded knockout artist from the Old Southwest, Bill Sawyers, Uvalde, Tex., lightie, is soon due up North to begin a New York campaign. Four years of pro activity in Mexico, Texas, California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Canada fight centers make up the career of this 23-year-old ex-Navy lad. Sawyers, who stands 5 feet 11 inches, took high honors in the Northwest as one of the top U.S.N. battlers in that area. Upon fulfillment of several commitments to "show" in Mexican arenas, the clean-cut Texan is hopping that northbound choo choo and invading Gotham.

Bill Sawyers—a comparatively unknown name in the boxing game, *but*—remember Lew Jenkins?

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"CHIEF" GORDON HOUSE

TWENTY-ONE years old; 135 pounds; five feet eight inches. *And* ex-Marine.

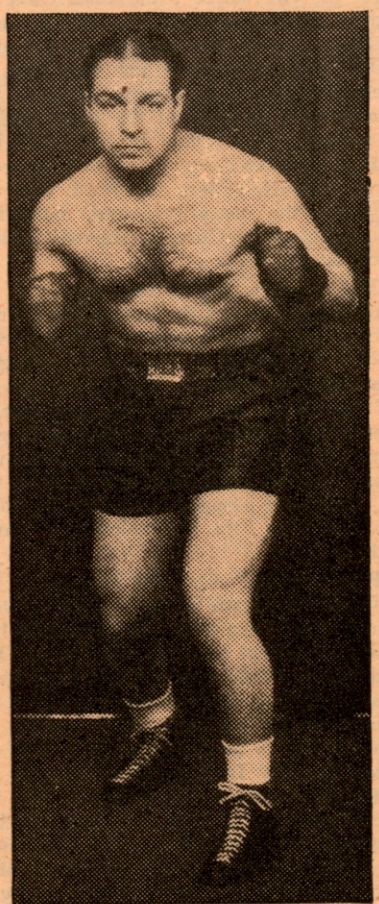
Put them all together and you've got a beauty of a welterweight threat on your hands. Such are the statistics on "Chief" Gordon House, Indian wearer of the Purple Heart and other decorations earned at Saipan, Tarawa, etc., recently turned pro under the management of Houston's Richard McClendon. House, who dabbled in fisticuffs at the Indian school in his native Winslow, Ariz., and harvested a basketful of boxing titles during his three years in the U.S.M.C., has been moving along very confidently since his pro debut and is expected to be "right up there" before too many months roll around.

Chief stock-in-trade of the "Chief"? A mortar-heaving two-handed attack which has brought him a record full of "K.O.'s" and an army of Texas followers!

While in the Marine Corps, House tipped over 12 of 14 opponents during his basic training days, winning the other two by decisions, and then really amplified his faith in himself while overseas.

Having been wounded twice, House was shipped to Hawaii for recuperative purposes. While stationed there, House won the Marine lightweight championship, the Central Pacific Area junior lightweight title, the 14th Naval District junior lightweight championship and the Pacific Ocean Area championship covering the entire U.S. Pacific forces, including Army, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard! He kayoed the Army's tough Wally Tuggles in taking the P.O.A. laurels.

The Chief has met some of the best boys in Texas and defeated most of them via the knockout route. A few of his victims are: Baby Angora, Catfish Bourgeois, Jose Mendoza, Joey Balta, Doug Gibson, Chucho Angeles and Pedro Acosta.



Mickey De Berry, Amsterdam, N. Y., amateur lightweight star, who will turn pro shortly.

Bill Sawyers, well-travelled lightweight campaigner, has boxed in Mexico, Canada, California, Oregon and Idaho rings.

In April, House journeyed to New Orleans to box the capable Tony Ciralo. Gordon gave a good account of himself but dropped the duke at the end of six hectic rounds. In his first ten-round start, the Chief lost to veteran Rudy Cruz. This was his second loss this year in 15 bouts.

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ROCCO WALLO

ROCCO WALLO is a 22-year-old light-heavyweight prospect fighting out of Jamaica, L. I., who won ten straight pro fights, seven by kayoes, but who is admittedly not yet ready to tackle the top boys.

Jack Toner, Wallo's manager, plans to bring Rocco along by degrees.

Here is a hatful of facts that you will want to remember when he becomes of fistic age some months from now:

He was born at Kingston, Pa., on February 16, 1924. He is a handsome, well-muscled lad. All of his bouts have been out of town and scheduled for six rounds.

He is an out-and-out body puncher (a rarity) and his style satisfies. As a simon-pure before the war, he fought mostly at the Jamaica Arena, noted Mecca of Eastern amateurs. He represented the C.Y.O. As a welter in tourney staged for British relief at Binghamton in 1940, he stopped three men in two nights to take the title. He won the Guenther Memorial Trophy awarded by New York City's Downtown A.C. in 1941.

He entered the Marines in November, 1942. He was instructor in Judo, combat fighting, and swimming. Rocco was at Guadalcanal, Bougainville and Luzon. Wallo won the 180-pound championship of the West Coast U.S.M.C. Air Stations just before receiving his discharge on New Year's Day of this year.

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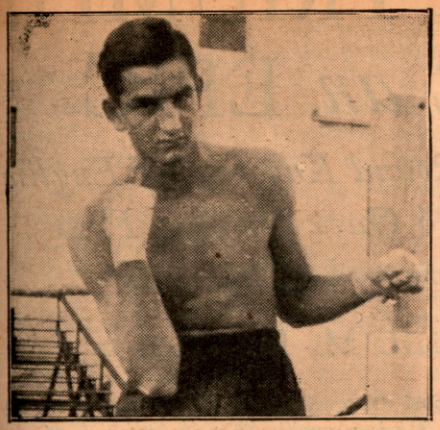
BOB TIMPSON

ONE of the tallest welterweights in the business, Bob Timpson, Youngstown, O., sailor, has been furnishing the fight patrons at Miami, Ft. Lauderdale and West



Bob Timpson, rangily built middleweight from Ohio, who stands well over six feet although weighing but 150 pounds.

Palm Beach with plenty of boxing treats since his assignment to the Miami Naval Station last year. The 19-year-old Gob has been a professional for only 15 months and has engaged in a bare 25 contests, yet most spectators watching him for the first time guess him to be a polished campaigner of some four or five years' experience. That's an idea of the impression his work inside the ropes makes!

Lanky Bob has lost five verdicts since turning pro in February, 1944, as a slight 132-pounder. He's grown to a more substantial 150 pounds since then, but there's still room for many more pounds on his six-foot-plus frame. But then, he's just a "baby"!

This Buckeye prospect with the neat left and the workable right cross has been meeting progressively rougher rivalry with each match that he engages in and his great handling of each successive foe has built up his scrapping stock with the Florida fans to a point where he'd be backed against almost any topnotch welterweight in the South.

Young Timpson has battled such well-thought-of Orange State worthies as Johnny Patton, Eddie Bond, Al Michaud, Bill Parsons, Al Velez, Lou Miller, among others. Bob's unusual height has forced him to give away anywhere from 10 to 15 pounds in most of his contests. Truly a promising lad, Timpson's form has gotten recommendations from long established main event "aces" like Jimmy Kidd Hatcher, Jack Larrimore, Bobby Britton and Cotton King, in addition to the "raves" from the Florida press.

Admiring Florida fight addicts are hoping that following his discharge, Timpson will carry on in their arenas as a civvie leather-pusher.

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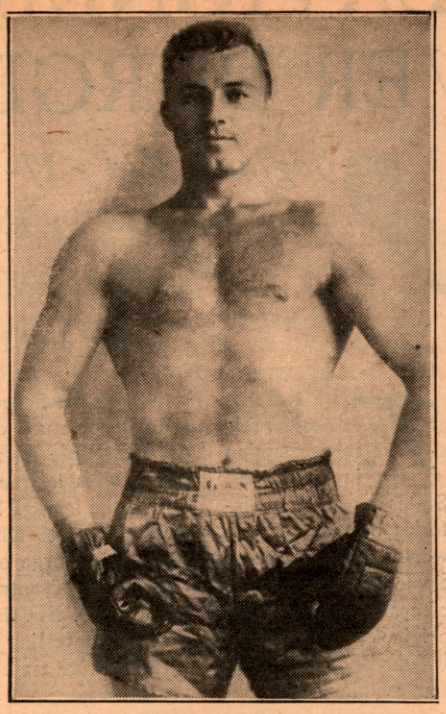
TONY LA ROCCA

ALTHOUGH most boxing experts are of the opinion that service in the armed forces has hampered the career of many boxers, Tony LaRocca, young Jamaica, L. I., lightweight, has nothing but praise for life in the Army when it comes to developing good fighters.

"I was a skinny kid weighing a little more than 100 pounds when I first tried my hand at boxing," LaRocca recalled. "Look at me now after three years of Army life."

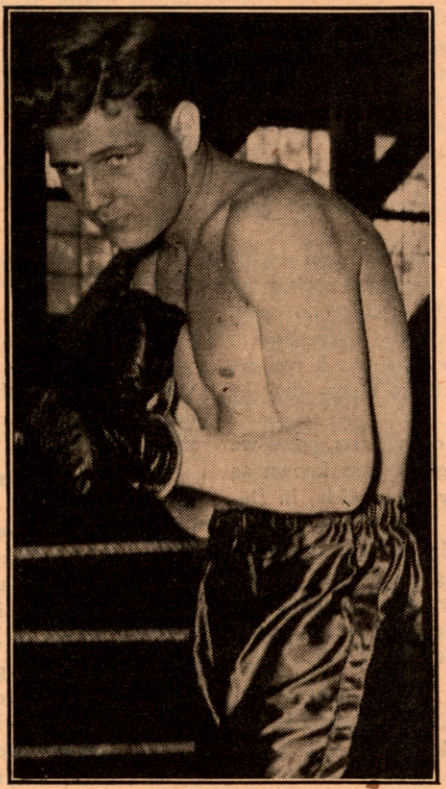
Today, the once scrawny lad who yearned to be a great fighter but was continually



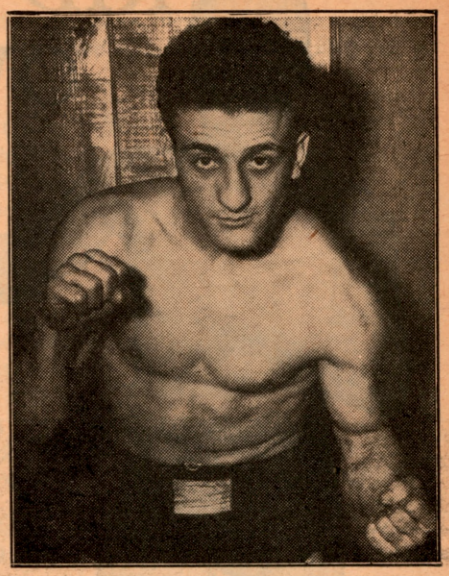
Rocco Wallo, ex-Marine, now boxing in New York clubs as a lightweight.

told by his manager, Dick Vick, to "come back when you get heavier," is a well-built, stiff-socking 135-pound prospect, who is undefeated in 13 pro starts.

Tony enlisted in the Army three years ago when Vick and his partner, Eddie Flores, who operated a gymnasium in Jamaica, entered the service. LaRocca served in the Air Corps and later became a physical instructor. He boxed as an amateur during the latter part of 1945 after his



Bernie Reynolds, Fairfield, Conn., heavyweight prospect discovered by Joe Vella in the Army.



Tony LaRocca, undefeated Jamaica, L. I., lightweight, who shows plenty of promise.

discharge, winning all but one bout. LaRocca turned pro in February of this year and of the 13 bouts he has engaged in he has scored seven kayoes.

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BERNIE REYNOLDS

THAT a future heavyweight champion will emerge from the body of men who served in the last war is a theme that has been hacked to bits by boxing writers everywhere, but diminutive Joe Vella, manager of Light-heavyweight Champion Gus Lesnevich, may become the only manager who went into the Army and came out with a great heavyweight if his latest prospect Bernie Reynolds makes the grade.

Reynolds is a 21-year-old lad hailing from Fairfield, Connecticut, and he has engaged in only 9 battles, winning all but one by knockouts. Although still a raw novice, Reynolds' natural abilities have elicited raves from fans who have seen him perform around the small clubs in New York. Bernie weighs only 175 pounds and as a result has spotted most of his opponents an average of about fifteen pounds.

As a youngster, Reynolds, although he was a red hot fight fan, never cared to become a boxer. "Many a time I hitch-hiked to New Haven to watch Natie Mann, Phil Baker or Al Gainer when they were in their prime," Bernie recalled, "but I cared more for track and football when it came to taking an active part in sports."

Drafted in March, 1943, Reynolds wound up at Camp Stewart, Georgia, where Joe Vella was staging bouts for the Army at the base. Bernie began boxing in the novice class as a middleweight and soon ran up a large string of victories which won him a place on the boxing squad. In 25 soldier scraps Reynolds was beaten only twice. Top ranking Artie Levine and Jackie Cranford, who were far more seasoned than Reynolds, defeated the Connecticut lad in intercamp bouts.

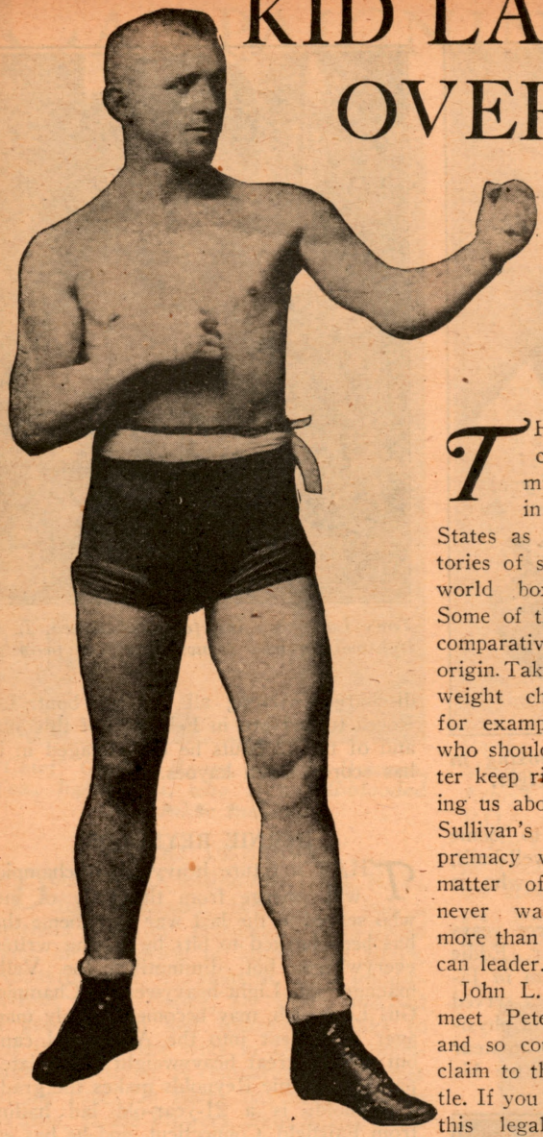
Shortly after Vella went overseas, Reynolds followed, as a member of Patton's Third Army. He earned three battle stars and also won five bouts overseas.

Reynolds was honorably discharged in March of this year and was immediately signed by his old Army pal.

KID LAVIGNE'S TRIUMPH OVER BURGE *an* EPIC

Saginaw Kid's 17-Round Knockout of English Champion in 1896 Gave Us Our First World's Lightweight Titleholder

By DANIEL M. DANIEL



George Lavigne, the Saginaw Kid.

THERE is considerable misconception in the United States as to the histories of some of our world boxing titles. Some of these are of comparatively modern origin. Take the heavyweight championship, for example. Writers who should know better keep right on telling us about John L. Sullivan's world supremacy when, as a matter of fact, he never was anything more than the American leader.

John L. would not meet Peter Jackson, and so could not lay claim to the world title. If you want to get this legalistic thing straight, never refer to a heavyweight as a world champion until you come to Jim Jeffries, who beat Jackson in three rounds in 1898, when the Australian Negro was nothing more than a mere travesty of his onetime skilled self.

There was no world middleweight king until 1891, when Bob Fitzsimmons, later heavyweight champion, knocked out Jack Nonpareil Dempsey.

And there was no world champion among the lightweights until June 1, 1896, when the American Kid Lavigne knocked out the Englishman, Dick Burge, in London in the seventeenth round.

This contest was one of the most important and interesting in the entire catalogue of international fistic events, yet it has received scant attention—as so often all fights do unless they be between heavyweights.

George Kid Lavigne was one of the most colorful scrappers we have boasted in these United States. Though he was known as the Saginaw Kid, Lavigne was born in Bay City, Mich., in December, 1869. He died in Detroit, on March 9, 1928, and was acclaimed by the old timers as the greatest lightweight the sport had developed. Greater than Joe Gans, greater than Benny Leonard, said the Old Guard, who had seen Lavigne fight Joe Walcott, who had seen him beat Jack Everhardt and take on any man who thought he had a right to a shot at the title.

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A PRODUCT of the Michigan woods, Lavigne was husky though on the small side, durable, relentless. And as game and aggressive as they come.

After Lavigne had whipped Burge, John L. Sullivan announced that in his opinion the Saginaw Kid was the greatest fighting machine then in the ring. Said the one-time Boston Strong Boy:—

"Of all the fighters of the present day, Kid Lavigne is the one I am most stuck on. He is a pugilist, not an orator. He is the grandest little man of our time. He is as honest as the sun and game to his heart's core.

"On the level, I believe he can whip welterweights and middleweights, not to talk of the little fellows. He took a big chance with Dick Burge of England, a man five inches taller, with corresponding advantage in reach, and at least a five-pound edge in the weights. But the Kid knocked him out."

It is interesting to dig out comment on Lavigne by Biddy Bishop, who trained the Kid under the management of Sam Fitzpatrick.

"The ring has known many indolent fighters of note, but to my mind, Lavigne was the laziest of them all. And yet, the greatest man who ever fought under 140 pounds.

"Keeping Lavigne sober between fights was a tremendous achievement, and it is with great pride that I look back at the masterpiece of my career in training—keeping the Kid away from the bottle for eleven whole days.

"Lavigne never would sit down and map out a campaign. He wanted to think of only one fight at a time, and very little of that. He refused to dope out any special plans to meet any special quirks or style of an opponent. He wanted long rests between fights."

"Had Lavigne taken care of himself, that iron constitution of his would have carried him on and on until he retired unbeaten," Bishop added.

"But the Kid hit the bottle so hard that he undermined even that tremendous endurance of his. Then came the 20-round beating by Frank Erne which cost him the title. Before that, Mysterious Billy Smith whipped the Kid in a non-title fight."

Going into the question of Lavigne's class as a boxer, Bishop said:—

"In all my experience of more than 40 years in the boxing game, it is my opinion that Kid Lavigne was the greatest of all boxers. My reasons are these:

"First, he was game, then he had wonderful vitality and was the most determined boxer I ever saw. He could take punishment, was a fair boxer and could hit, and when it is considered that he was never better than a 126-pound boxer, and often lighter, he defended the lightweight title against all the great fighters of his time.

"Recall his battles with Joe Walcott. In the first Walcott agreed to stop Lavigne in 15 rounds, but at the end of the bout Lavigne had him hanging on. In the second Lavigne won a knockout in 12 rounds. Any boxer who scales 125 to 128 pounds who can stop a battler of the Walcott type who outweighed him from seven to nine or ten pounds is indeed a marvel. It is for this reason that I give the honors to Lavigne.

"Take all of the great boxers he fought, Young Griffo, Johnny Griffin, Andy Bowen, Jack Everhardt, Jerry Marshall, Jimmy Handler, Charley McKeever, Owen Ziegler, Kid McPartland, Eddie Connolly, every one of them outweighed him many, many pounds. Recall the match between Lavigne and Dick Burge, the great English champion who scaled 138 to Lavigne's 124. Lavigne stopped Burge in 17 rounds.

"What other great fighter ever accomplished anything like it?"

A CHAPTER in Lavigne's life which has received only the scantest attention has to do with a trip to France with his brothers, Billy and Frank.

When Lavigne arrived in Paris, boxing was virtually unknown there. The French were to be educated in boxing by Willie Lewis. When the Lavigne tribe landed, the famous sport of La Savate was the rage over there. This, as you know, is the very delicate pastime of kicking a man's eyes out. The things those savate specialists could do with their toes were incredible. Even the great John L. Sullivan had found that out.

In any event, Lavigne despised La Savate and maintained that he could make any kicking wonder sorry he ever got tangled with a real fighter.

The French seized on the opportunity to discredit boxing and arranged a match between their champion and Lavigne.

The bout did not last very long. The Kid rushed, and the Frenchman kicked. Lavigne ducked the right foot and blocked the left and then shot a right hook to the jaw that sent the savate expert spinning.

Lavigne knew then and there that he could stop the Frenchman any time he liked. So he kept clipping him—but not too hard.

Lavigne did not want to administer a knockout, but the Parisian asked for it.

As they went out of a clinch, the Frenchman turned his back on the Kid. Lavigne put down his guard and stepped back. The savate bird let go at George's groin.

Lavigne saw the kick coming and avoided it. But he got sore, and when the Kid got sore it wasn't so good for the other fellow.

Lavigne rapped a right to the jaw, then a left to the body and another terrific right to the button. The Frenchman did not merely pass out. It took fifteen minutes to revive him.

The French then began to examine boxing with a keener interest and it wasn't so very many years thereafter that Georges Carpentier stepped into a ring with Jack Dempsey in Jersey City, in a battle for the world's heavyweight title. He was the ace among French pugilists.

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UNQUESTIONABLY the greatest achievement of Lavigne's career was his amazing triumph over Joe Walcott at Maspeth, L. I., in a vicious 15-round battle.

The Barbados Demon was the favorite. But Lavigne threw into that fight all the skill, aggressiveness and gameness for which he was famous, and he proved too much even for the great Walcott.

The year previous, Lavigne got widespread publicity by giving Andy Bowen so terrific a beating in 14 rounds in New Orleans that Bowen died the night of the battle. That was in December, 1894.

In 1895, the Kid beat Jack Everhardt and stopped the tough Jimmy Handler in five heats. The famous 20-round draw with Kid Griffo, the cleverest boxer in the history of the ring—and that includes Jem Driscoll—followed.

In 1896, England began to clamor for a world title for Burge. It felt that Dick could outbox any man living up to 150 pounds.

The National Sporting Club of London completed negotiations with Sam Fitzpatrick, and he signed articles for a fight to be held on June 1, 1896, under that organization's auspices in London.

Fitzpatrick and the Kid went over in style, and then one night Lavigne was introduced before a fight, as the man who had come over to whip Burge.

The members of the NSC were incredulous. The Kid was small. He stood only 5 feet, 3½ inches in height. And he had a baby face. Why, he looked like a jockey rather than a great fighter.

Before Lavigne's arrival in London, stories of his prowess, especially against Walcott, had made him even money. But when the English bookmakers saw the Kid, they installed Burge as a 5 to 3 choice.

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CAME the night of the fight. Though the contest was for the lightweight championship of the world, Burge refused to get on the scales. The NSC announced that Dick weighed 136 and Lavigne 134. Burge definitely had more than two pounds the better of it, according to gossip.

Meanwhile, Fitzpatrick had been busy taking advantage of those odds. He kept betting his shirt off, and then realized that he had been wagering not in dollars, but in pounds.

"Look, Kid, I have bet your end and my end, I have bet everything you and I possess, because all the while I was wagering in pounds," Sam told his protege.

"I don't mind telling you that I have bet more than we have, and if you should happen to lose, I don't know how we would pay off. It will be a sad plight for both should you be beaten."

Lavigne said, "Sam, don't worry. I won't let you down. I can whip this Englishman. I haven't the least doubt about it. Just you sit back and take it easy and we will go back home rich."

Dick Burge as he looked at the height of his career.

The fighters came to the center of the ring. Burge towered over his opponent, and because of his advantage in height and reach looked about 15 pounds heavier.

Lavigne got off to a bad start because of an accident. In the second round he rushed Burge so fiercely that he crashed into one of the wooden ring posts and cut a deep gash over his right eye. The wound bled profusely in that round and again in the third.

Those first three heats were magnificent things for Lavigne. He charged at the opening bell and in a couple of minutes had Burge groggy with a lot of right and left hooks.

In the second, Lavigne did not let his accident bother him and continued the vicious onslaught, which sent Burge to his corner tired after only six minutes of action.

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BURGE began to rally in the third, when he sent half a dozen stiff jolts to the head without a return. But Lavigne's scheme was to batter the body, so he took the jabbing and then came in with a couple of terrific rights to the pit of the stomach.

The fourth round saw the tide turn completely against Lavigne. Burge continued his orthodox English attack—jab and jab again—and his execution with that system of fighting was so great that Lavigne went to his corner a beaten man.

"Kid, how are we going to pay off?" Fitzpatrick said to Lavigne as the American sat breathing hard in his corner, waiting for the fifth round bell.

"Sam, I ain't licked yet. Stop worrying," Lavigne smiled.

The gong sounded and the Kid charged out like a bull. He ripped in one of the big punches of the fight—a right to the body that took all the steam out of the Briton.

The Burge who in the fourth had had the fight and the title now held on for dear life, and was cautioned by the referee.

That fifth round crash into Burge's body slowed him down for the next four heats, and all the while Lavigne was recuperating from the nearly fatal fourth. The cut over the Kid's eye still kept bleeding.

The tenth was an odd sort of round. Lavigne rushed his man all over the ring and Dick wanted no part of him. He got on his bicycle. However, just before the bell rang, Burge clipped the Kid behind the left ear with a right and George had a tough time finding his corner.

It was Burge in the eleventh. But the next one went to the Kid by a small margin. Remember, *(Continued on page 33)*

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

Al Galento, San Francisco star, who recently turned professional.

"DIRTY" DICK RAINES is running roughshod on the Northwest trail again after a three and one-half years absence in the Army. His latest victory was scored over Bronko Nagurski in a Minneapolis ring and Raines, unbeaten since his service discharge, is eyeing all claimants to the heavyweight throne.

As a ju-jitsu instructor, Raines taught about 40,000 GI doughboys roughhouse tactics. He directed commando classes in the 63rd and 66th Infantry Divisions. Raines had been a student of ju-jitsu himself in 1940 at Honolulu in a special six-months course offered by Dr. Okasaki.

However, during his current string of wins, Raines has seldom used any of his ju-jitsu technique. He has developed his vicious back-breaker hold into a lethal weapon and concentrates on annihilating his foe with this brutal measure. It was once barred in the Twin Cities and still is outlawed in five southern states. Very few of his back-breaker victims escape some sort of hospital or recuperation tenure.

Raines actually began using it in 1939 when he ruined Jack Reeder's promising career. Reeder has not wrestled since. Raines conceived the hold one summer at camp while breaking kindling wood over his knee. He reasoned that his sturdy knees and ankles could play a part in snapping a man's back against the knee in the same fashion.

Since his discharge, the back-breaker has taken its toll on Chief Thunderbird, Pierre DeGlane, Pat Fraley, Chief Little Wolf, Otto Kuss, Reginald Seakey and Mike Burnell. In all, at this writing, he has chalked up 20 wins in a row since March 10, when discharged.

Before induction, Raines was sailing along, bent for the heavyweight throne. He had beaten Earl McCready in New Zealand, had won a mid-Pacific tournament title at Honolulu and a black-belt meet at Seattle. In between were his violent engagements in the south where his use of the back-breaker sent him into provincial exile. In Atlanta he terrorized Dean Detton with the hold, in Chattanooga Paul Jones, and at Birmingham Cowboy Luttrall.

Raines won his "Dirty Dick" nickname because of his 128 disqualifications from the ring for illegal tactics. He has had more than 1500 matches and has won 1243 of them.

The burly Texan awaits the nation's toughest on the Northwest trail.

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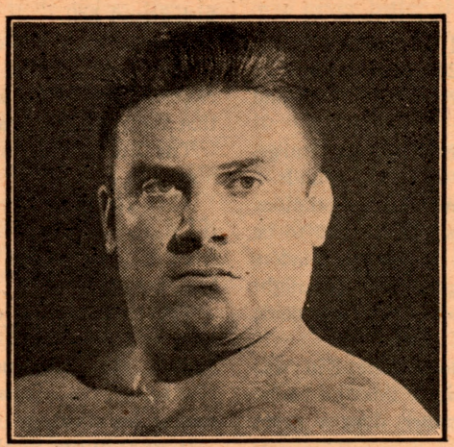
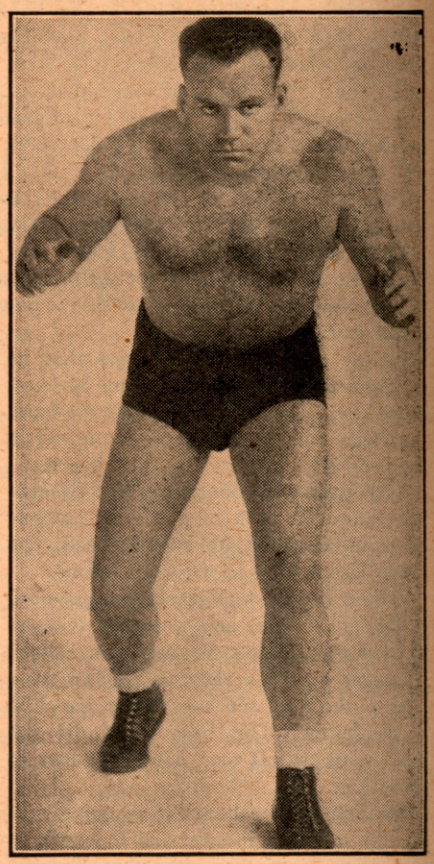
PEDRO GODOY, better known in his native Havana as "Doc Zoko," has been making quite an impression on Cuban sporting fans with his pleasing style of wrestling.

A member of one of Cuba's prominent families, he is a clean-cut athlete who wrestles for the love of the sport. He went so far as to give up his studies at the University of Havana in order to devote all his time to the mat game.

Born in Havana in 1920, he is of Spanish-Italian descent with a strain of Irish from his mother's side. Doc is very well-educated, having attended college in Washington, D. C., where he excelled in swimming and football.



Doc Zoko, Cuban ace, with loads of ability. Doc looks like a real comer.



Jim Wright, one of Western Canada's best drawing attractions.

He traveled throughout Europe and when war broke out returned to this country to join the U. S. Navy. Never pleased with conventional duties he became a deep sea diver and was awarded a golden Army and Navy "E" for his splendid work at the Bermuda U. S. Naval Base.

His next assignment while in Service was a trip to Europe where he was engaged in entertaining troops. The boys all loved his slick actions in the ring.

His opponents have been the best available in his country. Among the more prominent men he has met are: Bobby Bruns, Jack Steele, Texas Bill Collins and Jack Dillon.

At the present time he is competing in Mexico City.

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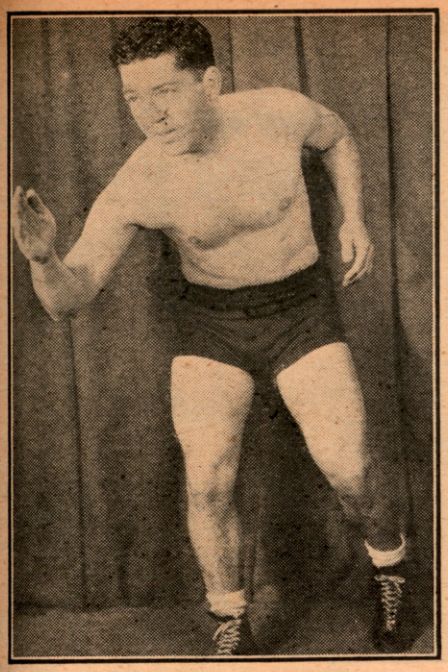
EDDIE LEE, crack Canadian middleweight champion, is on the trail of his one-time teacher and trainer, Gus Kallio, world's middleweight champion.

Lee, who was taught to wrestle by Kallio some ten years ago, during his stay in Canada, has come a long way since then, taking on and defeating all comers on road shows and carnivals, and today is hailed as



Eddie Lee, middleweight champion of Canada, a pupil of Gus Kallio.

the Canadian middleweight champion by promoters in Canada.

At present Lee is in Quebec and is making plans to visit Mexico, where he intends to get a match with the Mexican champion.

Eddie, a brother to the well-known wrestling promoter, Sammy Sobel, is a rough-house villain and asks no quarters and gives none, and hopes sometime in the near future to be able to take the middleweight crown from his old friend, Kallio.

Eddie Lee stands 5 feet 9½ inches, weighs 172 pounds and is full of action in any ring.

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ONE of fistiana's most unique sons is the rough, tough Irishman, Jack Conley. Born in Boston, Mass., Conley has been a professional athlete since he was thirteen years old. He is probably the only man in the game today who makes his living at both boxing and wrestling.

He has met all the top wrestlers in the game and also all the top boxers. His record lists fights with such stars as Tony Galento, King Levinsky, Arturo Godoy and a host of great and near great in the boxing profession. Conley's style is rough and he has scored many a victory over some of the top names in wrestling by the simple method of winding up and letting fly with a terrific punch. A pleasing performer, Conley is in great demand throughout the country. Willing to meet any boxer or wrestler, Conley is one of the game's best drawing cards.

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PROFESSIONAL wrestling is enjoying a banner season in Northwest Canada. Sellout houses are the rule rather than the exception in all the principal cities. Calgary and Edmonton in Alberta and Moose Jaw, Saskatoon, Regina, and Prince Albert in Saskatchewan have had the S.R.O. sign out early in recent months. Medicine Hat and Swift Current, holding bi-monthly shows, are also drawing capacity houses.

Much of the success of this boom in wrestling is due to the efforts of Darby Melnick, the promoter of wrestling in Calgary. Also considerable credit is due to two enterprising young men, Lloyd Camyre and Dave Palmer, who promote the matches in the Province of Saskatchewan.

It has been a great year with the quality of the programs being the finest obtainable. In nearing the end of the present season and heading for the start of the Fall and Winter season, wrestling fans here can look back on the greatest season in history. Large crowds have seen some of the greatest grapplers of all times, including such former champions as Ray Steele, Jim Londos, Rube Wright, Bronko Nagurski and such potential champions as Jim Wright, Jack Conley, Earl McCready and such colorful men as Zeke Ross, Walter Sirois, Logger McDonald, Kolo Kwariani, Ted Cox and Abe Kashey. Also many new faces, among them Al Galento, Bobby Roberts and Bud Higgans.

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ONE of the greatest drawing cards in Western Canada this season has been Big Jim Wright. Big Jim, who tips the scales at 260 pounds, which is spread over a 6-foot 6-inch frame, is rapidly becoming one of the top contenders in wrestling. Despite his huge size, Wright is one of the fastest men in the game today. Big Jim likes his wrestling rough and specializes in Texas rules. Hs style is strictly aggressive, he asks no quarter and gives none.

Jim is undefeated this season. He has disposed of all the top contenders who have faced him. Fans love to boo the big fellow, but have a deep respect for his ability. His willingness to meet all contenders has made him one of the best drawing cards in the East. Jim has wrestled in England, France, Ireland and all the large cities in the United States and Canada. Rough and tough in the ring, but a gentleman out, Jim is one of the most popular wrestlers in the game today.

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SINCE deserting the amateur ranks to cast his lot among the professional grapplers Al Galento is rapidly becoming one of the best wrestlers in the game. Galento, who was a member of the wrestling team at the famous Olympic Club in San Francisco, is one of the most promising of the younger grapplers.

Pacific Coast amateur champion for three years, Galento defeated every man he was called upon to face in the amateur ranks.

Al is a clean-cut gentleman in the ring and depends on his speed and clever wrestling to gain a victory. Shunning the rough stuff and sticking to clean wrestling, Galento has gained many a notable victory. Standing 6 feet in height and weighing 210 pounds, Galento is a sure bet to hit the top in the very near future.

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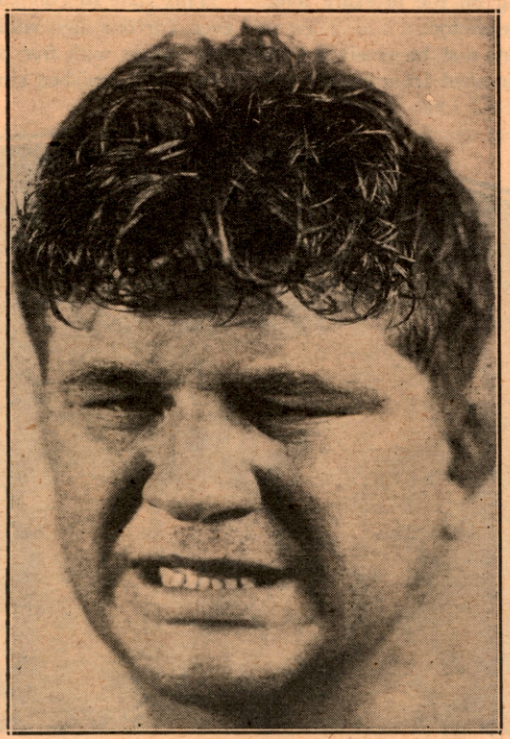
CECIL "TIGER" GOLDSTICK, Canadian Navy light-heavyweight wrestling champion, has perhaps done more to further the interest of the mat sport in Edmonton, Can., than any other one individual connected with the sport in the Alberta Capital. Acting in the role of a referee, Goldstick usually creates more action for the fans than the main contestants do, and since the return of the gladiators in late 1944, the fans have been getting a great kick out of the way "Tiger" keeps the boys in their places.



Dick Raines, veteran matman, back in action after three and one-half years in the Army.

Back in 1936 when Cecil first started to take an interest in the sport, he was rated as one of the most colorful performers along the Pacific Coast. However, he got the urge to join the Navy, and after a six-year hitch, was discharged. Unfortunately, "Tiger" came out a war casualty due to the Canadian ship *Prince Robert's* tangle with a German cargo vessel, and was unable to make a desired comeback on the mat. Rather than give the sport up, he turned to officiating, and has proven himself one of the best little referees in the business.

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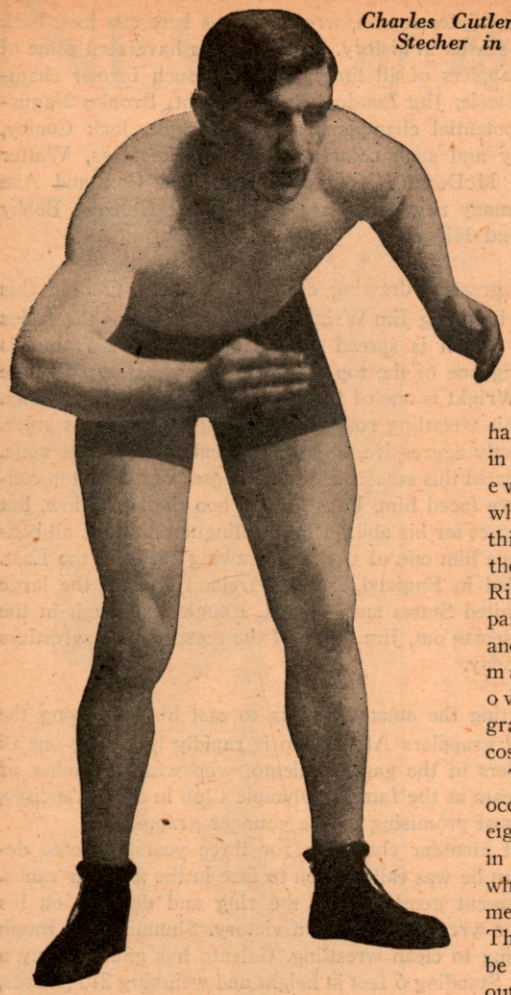
JU-JITSU gripsters have been the toughest of foreign invaders in this country, but they have not been invincible. Several of our wrestlers, including Rudy and Ernie Dusek, Georgie



Charles Cutler, who lost to Stecher in short time.

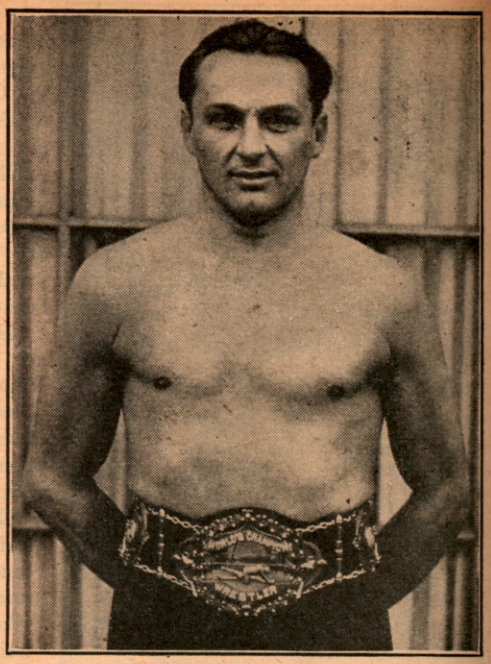
Becker, Ed "Strangler" Lewis, Dean Detton, Chief Little Wolf and Rebel Russell have made a specialty of flattening Japs. The latter, in particular, has been a thorn in the side of every matman who has come to this country from the land of the Rising Sun in the past twelve years and one of his many triumphs over Japanese grapplers almost cost him his life.

The incident occurred about eight years ago in Stockton, Cal., where the Rebel met Kimon Kudo. The bout was to be decided in two out of three falls. The first fall was to be governed by ju-jitsu rules, the second by catch-as-catch-can regulations and the third was to be decided by the toss of a coin.

As had been expected, Kudo beat Russell in eleven minutes in the first fall, nearly choking his victim to death when he got the jacket around his throat and kept putting on the pressure long after the referee had proclaimed him the victor.

Russell was so enraged by the treatment that he received that when the bell rang for the second fall, he rushed from his corner, knocked the Jap down with a right to the jaw, picked him up and slammed him to the mat, double-grapevining him and almost breaking him in two. Then, to make sure that Kudo wouldn't be able to come back for the third fall, "Reb" grabbed him with a chancery, swung him in a circle about ten times and hurled him over the ropes into the fourth row of the ringside. Men shouted, women screamed. They thought Kudo was dead, but the Jap managed to get to his feet, stagger to the ring and pull himself up with the aid of the ropes. At this point Russell, rushing past the referee, kicked Kudo in the face and knocked him senseless.

The angry mob clamored for Russell's scalp, but the Texan managed to slip to his dressing room without suffering any injuries. As a result of the affair, however, he was barred for life from the state of California. Coast fans will never forget Reb Russell.



Joe Stecher, wearing the diamond belt awarded him after his great victory over Stan Zbyszko

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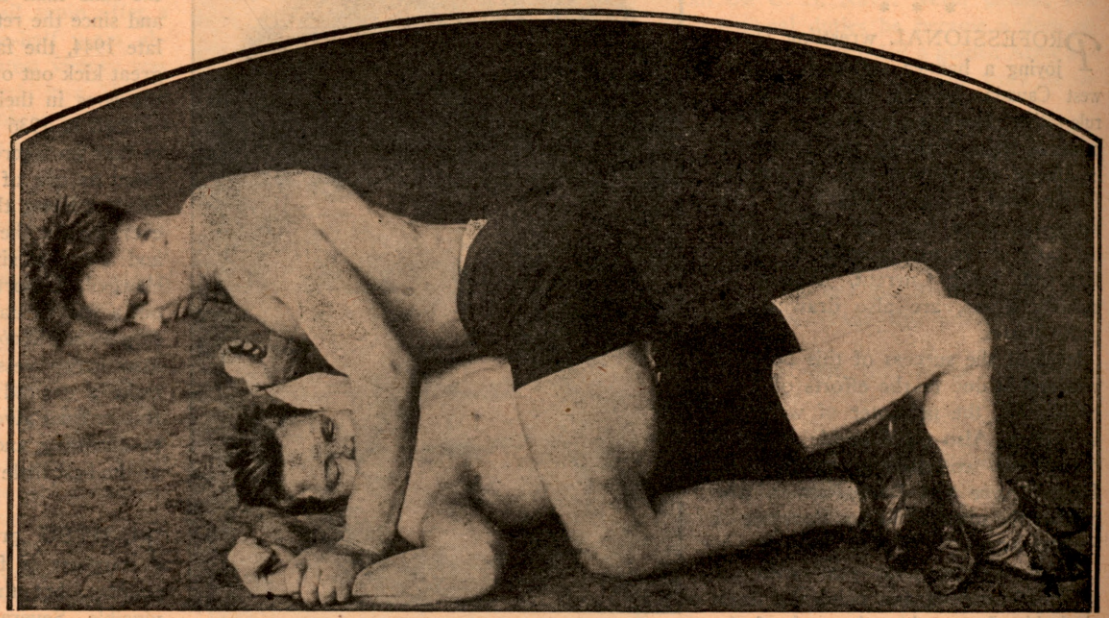
RIGHT now there are no Japs in mat competition in this country, but there is one man who owes his fame to his ability to flatten Japs. His name is John Muciacciaro, better known as "Moochy the Magnificent," a young Italian-American from Clear Lake, Wis.

"Moochy" became a prisoner of war soon after Pearl Harbor and, because of his powerful physique, the Japs put him to work with other American prisoners as a dock loader at the port of Osaka. The work was heavy and the hours were long, but "Moochy" and his friends did not complain because they discovered they could increase their daily calories by swiping some of the foodstuffs they helped to load and unload.

This state of comparative bliss lasted only a few weeks, however, for one day, while being marched back to camp, "Moochy" was caught with five pounds of sugar concealed on his person. A Jap soldier grabbed him and tried to drag him to the guard house,



Here Joe Stecher illustrates his deadly body scissors on a sparring partner. Notice the development of these famous legs.

but "Moochy" refused to go along and, after releasing himself, knocked the Jap down with a left hook to the chin.

Other guards rushed to the aid of their fallen comrade and all suffered the same fate. Nineteen, in all, were flattened before "Moochy" was finally subdued and brought before the commander of the garrison to face, what he thought, a firing squad. Instead of pronouncing a sentence of death against him, the commander, who was an admirer of muscular strength, let him off with the relatively light punishment of remaining at attention for a period of twelve hours.

All the prisoners were liberated when the American forces occupied Guam and "Moochy" returned to his Wisconsin home where he began anew the wrestling career which had been cut short by the war.

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CERTAIN athletes in all fields of sport gained fame and fortune because of one particular specialty in which they alone excelled. Carl Hubbell for his "screw ball," Sammy Baugh for his "spot passing" on the gridiron, Strangler Lewis for his "headlock," Frank Gotch for his "toe hold," Bobby Feller for his terrific speed and Joe Stecher for his never-to-be-forgotten "body scissors."

In this, the third in the old timer series, we give you the highlights in the career of Joe Stecher.

Unlike most wrestlers, Stecher gained fame and the heavyweight championship of the world almost overnight due to his discovery of the body scissors. His legs were tremendously powerful and flexible.

The combination of his new hold and mighty limbs made him practically unbeatable. Once he clamped his legs around an opponent's midriff it spelled defeat for his victim. It became more and more difficult to obtain opponents for this demon of the mat as a couple of cracked ribs were the easiest a man could get away with after climbing into the ring with Joe Stecher. His fame spread and offers began pouring in from all over the land for a Stecher appearance. He always wrestled before packed houses and met all comers.

Joe was born of German-Bohemian parentage on a small farm in Dodge, Nebraska, April 5, 1896. His strength was developed by pitching hay and doing the other manual labor required on a farm. During his spare time he would wrap his legs around sacks of grain and burst them open by applying pressure. It was by doing this that he realized the power contained in his limbs.

During the time Stecher broke into the mat sport, some of the top men of all time were in competition. Stars like Earl Caddock, Charles Cutler, Dr. Roller and the Zbyszko brothers. Joe always said that it was because of these men and the opposition they offered, that he gained the rapid headway he did. It was shortly after he had seen Dr. Roller in action that Joe decided to turn his attention to wrestling.

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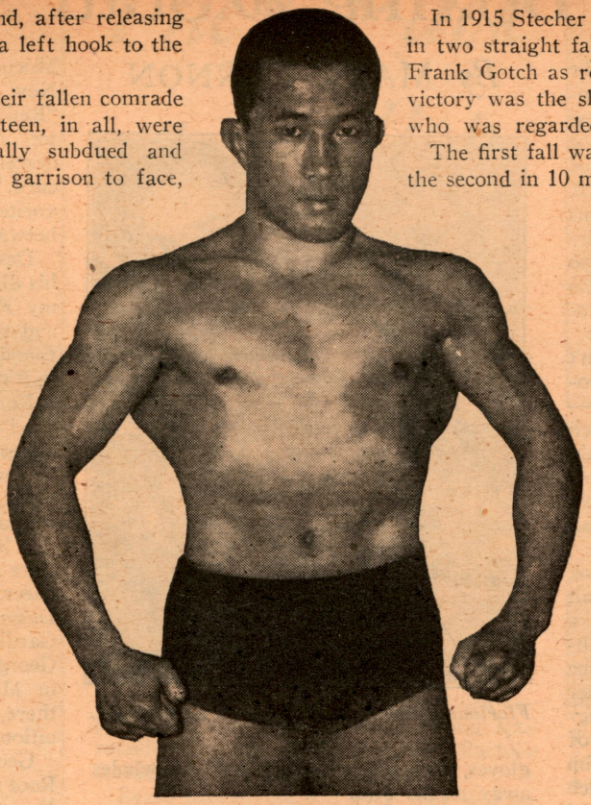
TONY STECHER, Joe's brother, who was a professional wrestler himself, taught the youngster all he knew and trained him in the barn. Tony saw the great possibilities in Joe's legs and urged him to employ holds where they could be put to the best possible advantage.

In the early part of 1912, Joe Stecher made his professional debut against a giant Bohemian named John Pevelky. Joe was the most amazed person in the arena when he pinned his opponent with great ease after ten minutes of grappling. It was in this match that he stumbled upon the scissors. Pevelky's eyes began to pop as Joe applied the pressure and in a few minutes he was helpless.



Kimon Kudo, clever Jap wrestler.

In 1915 Stecher threw Charles Cutler at Omaha, Neb., in two straight falls with retired undefeated Champion Frank Gotch as referee. The most amazing part of the victory was the short time required to defeat the man who was regarded as Gotch's successor.

The first fall was gained in 17 minutes 9 seconds and the second in 10 minutes 59 seconds. After this triumph he was dubbed the "Scissors King." As far as skill and knowledge of holds went Cutler outclassed the youngster, but as soon as the scissors found its mark, Charley forgot everything he knew and was like a baby in the grip of the Nebraskan.

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JOE STECHER'S fame spread far and wide and fans began to clamor for a Gotch-Stecher match. In his last bout against Orderman, Gotch won easily, but his wind was not the same as when in his prime and general opinion was that Frank would have his hands full with this new sensation.

An offer from an Omaha promoter to stage the match on Labor Day, 1915, was presented to Gotch. He was willing to defend his laurels against the "scissors king," but demanded that the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars be deposited to his account two weeks before the contest. Naturally the promoter couldn't afford to take such a risk and the bout never took place. Quite certain that Stecher was the best of the active wrestlers, the mat fraternity acknowledged him as Champion of the World.

Stories of his mighty legs spread all over the world and it was said that he could hold an automobile with a rope attached to one leg, and that he had the pressure of eighteen hundred pounds from knee to knee when he applied the scissors with full force.

Stecher ruled the wrestling world for over five years. He met all comers and seldom tasted defeat. His arch rival was Ed "Strangler" Lewis, who came to the fore after Stecher had passed his prime. Lewis gained victory over the Nebraskan on several occasions and succeeded Joe on the throne. Lewis and Stecher met for the first time in Madison Square Garden, December 13, 1920, after one hour and forty-one minutes of wrestling. Each had won a fall until Lewis took the final one with his headlock.

Stecher will always be remembered as one of the mat profession's all-time greats.

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WRESTLING has been the national pastime of Afghanistan, in the heart of central Asia, for over 5,000 years, holding the same position in athletics that baseball does in America and cricket does in England.

The most important matches are staged in the capital, Kabul, and are attended by the king, his court and the highest officials in the land. They attract crowds numbering over 100,000. An afghan wrestler is an idol. Wherever he goes he is received with dignity. Royalty does him honor. The mat heroes are awarded gifts of priceless jewels and large sums of money.

Wrestling matches are scheduled all the year round. Afghanistan is probably the only place in the world where a popular sport is a continuous performance. Rustum Zaal, legendary hero of a thousand thrilling mat battles, who flourished centuries ago, is a name so honored among the Afghans that the heavyweight champion who emerges from the annual tournaments immediately discards his rightful cognomen and becomes known as the Great Rustum. Needless to say, fake bouts are unknown, for the good and sufficient reason that the punishment decreed for such an offense is life imprisonment in a land where parole doesn't exist. Which may explain why American grapplers never try their luck in Afghanistan!

From Army Boxing *to* State's Best Card

By MARK FANNON

WHEN Florient Desmarais won the New England lightweight championship from Leo Mucucci, of Berlin, New Hampshire, he also broke the attendance record for a boxing show in the state of New Hampshire. The net gate was $3,000. What is more, nearly a thousand fans were turned away. Desmarais is the only fighter to do this in that state. He is also one of the few former G.I. scrappers who is making good in his comeback as a professional.

Thirty-two hundred dollars doesn't sound like a big gate in big-time promotion, but when you consider Manchester—the city where the match was held, which is the largest city in the state—has only 80,000 inhabitants, you add more importance to the fact. In the entire state of New Hampshire the population is no more than that found in Boston and its suburbs.

To begin with, Desmarais doesn't look like a fighter. He is but 5 feet 4 inches tall and almost as wide—looks more like a wrestler than a boxer. He is also a southpaw, this little Manchester Bearcat, a type most fighters stay away from. Neither is he a fancy Dan, but he is tough, aggressive, game, and the large population of those of French extraction consider him to be almost a world's champion. Such great popularity must be deserved. Backed by the confidence of his well-wishers he seems to fight better, by far, in his home town than he does anywhere else.

In Boston he never has impressed, but give him the same opponent in Manchester and he really goes to town.

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WHEN Florient, stout-hearted Frenchman, steps into the ring the crowd immediately goes for him, because he is usually a head shorter than his opponent. When he first met Benny Delgado, at Mechanics Building, in Boston, Delgado, a Negro lad, towered over him. The crowd forgot the points Delgado was piling up on the incoming Desmarais, but cheered wildly when one of Desmarais' swings found its mark. You see, the kid can sock. Ofttimes he takes a few to land one. Many times, too, he will catch them on his gloves, then when his foe tires, he whales away on his own.

Florient Desmarais, Manchester lightweight.

Desmarais used to come to Boston now and then to box as an amateur. In those days he didn't seem to be any taller than he is at present. He tipped the scales then at 118, and was a trifle thinner. His first pro bouts were none too impressive. Then, he was matched against some good men—Lefty LaChance and Abe Denner, to name two of them. He had hardly got going when they called him into the Army, and the next we heard he was in the African Theater of Operations. It was there he won the Inter-Allied lightweight championship, which was held in Algiers.

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FROM the outskirts of Manchester, from one end of the state to the other, by train, wagon, and ox-cart, or what they had handy, came the boxing fans—mostly Frenchmen—to see their idol take the N. E. title, in a great scrap with Leo Mucucci. Desmarais is the lad who made New Hampshire boxing conscious. Tommy "Red" Welles, another native of Manchester, also a lightweight and of French descent, is the state's second best drawing card. It seems eventually these two favorites will meet and what a war this bout between Desmarais and Welles will be.

Desmarais has lost only three bouts since his discharge from the Army—once to Jimmy Rizzo, who stopped him in 7 rounds, and twice to Benny Delgado, in 8 and 10 rounds. However, he knocked Delgado out in 9 rounds in a return mill.

For New Hampshire Desmarais is a good man. You won't see him in Madison Square Garden, nor often in Boston. The kid would be foolish to leave the small clubs, for there he packs them in and gets a better pay check for doing so.

It has been a long time since New Hampshire fans have had a worthwhile fighter to cheer, but they have found one in their Desmarais. Old-timers will remember the Gardiner boys. There were three brothers, George, Billy and Jimmy. They were born in Manchester and learned their fighting there, then went on to gain national recognition.

George fought Bob Fitzsimmons, Jack Root and Marvin Hart, just to name a few. Jimmy fought Jack Dillon, the Giant Killer, Jack O'Keefe and Frank Claus; lost one of his few fights to Jack Twin Sullivan. Billy's best fight was a 20-round draw with Martin Flaherty. Peter McDonough, Manchester boy, beat the former welterweight champion, Jack Britton, when he was in his prime. Patsy Sweeney, Manchester, fought a great fight with Elbows McFadden. From other sections of the state came fighters like Norman Conrad, Felix King, Al Sinibaldi, Bob Mills, and Tiger Tom Dixon.

Just a few weeks after adding the N. E. crown to his laurels, Florient Desmarais put the title on the line in taking on Tommy Moore, of South Boston. Two rounds were all that was required to remove that contender for the throne.

Since January 8 when he drew in ten rounds with Steve Kronis, Desmarais has engaged in 14 bouts.

CANADIAN MARITIME NEWS

By C. W. STEELE

DOUG CARTER, 139, Newark, N. J., scored a ten-round decision over aggressive Bobby McIntire, 139, Detroit, at the Glace Bay Forum. In the supporting bouts, George Ross, New Waterford welter, punched out a four-round kayo over Alvin (Jimmy) Upshaw, 156, Halifax; Young Adshade stopped Sonny Holmes in one; Mickey Kavanaugh outpointed Young Blaine, and Young Roberts fought a draw with Young MacEachern.

Benny Woods, Saint John, N. B., won a ten-round decision over Eddie Leclerc of Lewiston at St. Stephen. Walter Irvine of Saint John shaded Courtney Graham of South America in six rounds. Lou Richards of Moncton decisioned St. Stephen's Carmen Barr in six. Marlin Gauthier fought a six-round draw with classy Duke Hodd.

Jean Barriere, Montreal, punched out a ten-round decision over Lloyd Hudson, Portland, at the Saint John Forum. They are featherweights.

In the eight-round semi-final, Ollie Geldart, New Waterford, decisioned Leo Methot, Montreal.

Substituting for "Speed" Coyle, Halifax, in the prelims, Bucky Walker chilled Henry Dupuis in one round, and Ossie Dupuis decisioned Bushy Bourgeois.

Veteran Kid Lantz, 123, Halifax, surprised in stopping Isaac Thomas, 127, Pictou, in the fourth round at the New Glasgow Arena.

In the semi-final Freddy Wilson, 153, New Glasgow, belted out Sailor Jordan, 152, Pictou, in the second.

In the prelims Sheldon Campbell decisioned Red McPhail and Kid Brown drew with Cliff Wright.

Leo Methot, Montreal, and Ollie Geldart, New Waterford, fought a ten-round draw at Saint John.

In the semi-final Courtney Graham of Puerto Rico belted out Moncton's Dizzy Doucet in round two, welterweights.

In the prelims, Moncton's veteran "Kid" Hart fought a draw with Adam Dupuis, Saint John, and Herman Thompson stopped "Nipper" Wilson in the first.

"Kid" Lantz, Halifax, and Benny Woods, Saint John, fought a ten-round draw at New Glasgow. Lantz, 125; Woods, 134.

Freddy Wilson, 151, New Glasgow, decisioned Pat Phillips, 153, Halifax.

Kid Petrie, Halifax, drew with Percy Parris, New Glasgow.

Kid Smith and Ace Smith fought a draw.

In New Glasgow, Bobby Allan, 142, Westville, won a split ten-round decision over Walter Irvine, 152, Saint John.

Joe Pyle, New Waterford welterweight, won a ten-round decision over Frankie Conti, Lynn, Mass., at Sydney, N. S.

Alvin "Jimmy" Upshaw, Halifax, drew in six rounds with Red MacPherson, New Waterford. They are middleweights.

George Ross, 147, New Waterford, stopped Montreal's Jim Hatfield, 154, in the second. Isaac Thomas, Pictou, decisioned Dick Howard, Halifax, in six.

Wrestling is going over in a big way in Halifax and Saint John. Popular performers here this season are Bull Montana, Bull Curry, Mike Kondas, George Temple, Bobby Managoff, Sal Balbo, "Iron" Talun, the Polish giant, Len Hughes, Henry Kulkavitch and "Dropkick" Murphy.

Welterweights Bobby Allan, Westville, and Tony Odo, New Waterford, fought ten bruising rounds in New Glasgow, with Allan copping the decision.

In the six-round semi-final young MacEwan, 149, Westville, decisioned Sparky Paris, 147, New Glasgow.

Two prelims rounded out the show. Sheldon Campbell, 136, Pictou, got the nod over Mickey Melanson, 134. Kid Borden, 152, stopped Kid Brown, 147, in the third.

Ace McCluskey stopped Red MacPherson, New Waterford, in the fourth at New Glasgow. They are middleweights.

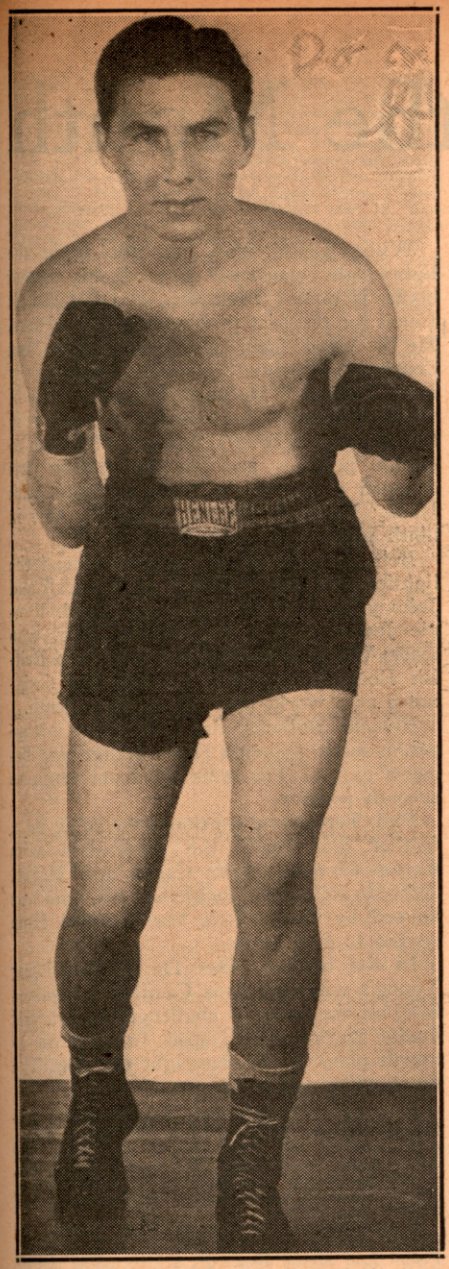
Young MacEwan chilled Tom Murphy in the fourth. They are welterweights.

Billy McCarty stopped Sonny Perry in four. Young McCluskey and Kid Borden staged a waltz. Referee Bobby Beaton stopped it in the fourth. The pair were booed by the spectators.

Ace Smith and Kid Smith fought a crowd-pleasing draw.

They Pack a Wallop

By HARVEY BRIGHT



Buddy Garcia, Eddie Walker's classy lightweight, who expects to study law at the University of Houston this fall.

STUDENTS at the University of Houston may find themselves studying law with a lightweight contender this fall when Buddy Garcia, Eddie Walker's classy youngster, enrolls at the Texas school.

Garcia is a clean-cut, soft-spoken youngster of French, Indian and Spanish descent. He was born in Houston, Texas, on June 30, 1925. Buddy began boxing while he was in the Army at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds in 1943. He made the boxing squad and was a teammate of Johnny Ryan, Henry Majcher, Abner Powell, Cleo Everett and other good scrappers.

Garcia first gained a measure of prominence when he stole the show in Madison Square Garden by defeating Bobby Smith the night Bob Montgomery and Beau Jack boxed for $36,000,000 worth of War Bond customers. Buddy has had twenty-five pro fights, winning twenty-three, thirteen by knockouts, fought one draw and was defeated only by Taffy Cummings. Among the many good men he has whipped, Garcia can list the names of Phil Palmer, Charley Smith, Nick Camarata and Proctor Heinold.

He was discharged from the Army in May, 1946. This year he has participated in six tilts, scoring kayoes over Nick Camarata, Donnie Maes, Sam Schipani, Leo Garrett, and in his last bouts he defeated Lefty LaChance and Art Price.

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TOMAS AQUINTO BEATO

TOMAS AQUINTO BEATO, a cute-looking kid with the countenance of a cherub, is the latest Latin larruper to score sensationally in this country. Beato, whom local sports scribes call "Tommy," made a big hit with Garden boxing fans when he got off the deck to defeat the more experienced Joey Iannotti in a slashing six-rounder on the Willie Pep-Sal Bartolo featherweight championship show.

Beato proved his win over Joey was no fluke when he fought the undefeated Eddie Compo at New Haven ten days later. Again the spirited scrapper from the Dominican Republic survived two knockdowns to fight a bristling eight-round draw with Compo. This was the first time in 26 fights that Eddie had failed to win.

Tomas Aquinto Beato Lozala was born on February 7, 1924, in Santo Domingo of the Dominican Republic. His father, Rafael, and his mother, Patria, were farmers. Later the family moved to Trujillo, the capital of the Island, and at the age of five Tomas enrolled in school.

"I was a roughneck," Beato readily admits. "I always seemed to be looking for a fight with the other children in school and was punished by my teachers. Luckily, I didn't entirely neglect my education and finished high school."

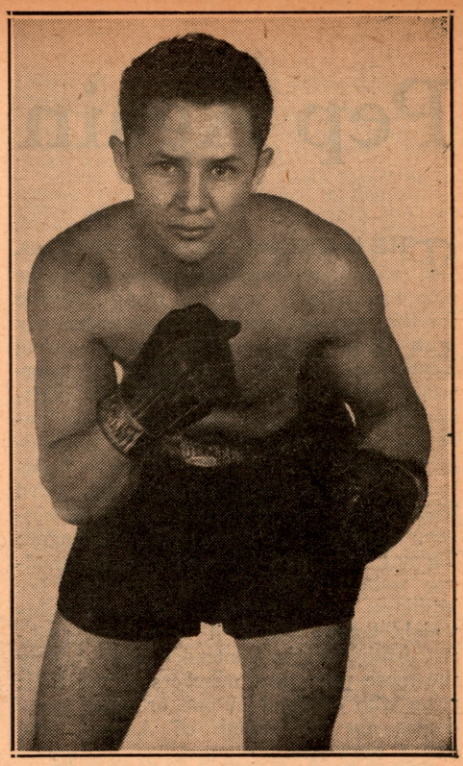
In 1940 a promoter opened an arena in nearby San Carlos and a scrapper with the colorful monicker of Kid 22 became the local rage. Kid 22's success inspired Beato to take up boxing, but his mother disapproved.

Later Beato's mom relented and allowed him to continue boxing. For his next six fights Tomas received all of $5.25! Under Charley Cook's guidance his purse for the Garden bout with Iannotti was more than $300.

First, Beato was defeated by Iannotti in a return eight-rounder at the Garden in the semi-final to the Stolz-Montgomery title fight. Beato and Iannotti each received $1500 for their efforts, the first time this sum has been paid to semi-finalists since before the war. He has had eight bouts to date this year, of which he lost two and had one draw. Vince Lauria and Joey Iannotti beat him.

Beato joined the Dominican Army and the son of the President of the Republic, Rafael Martinez, became his manager.

Beato is an excellent horseman, and when not in training is a constant visitor to the bridle paths of New York's Central Park.



Tomas Aquinto Beato, crowd pleasing featherweight from Santo Domingo, who has thrilled Madison Square Garden crowds.

ITEMS OF BOXING AND WRESTLING IN THE SOUTHWEST

By "THE RINGSIDER"

BUDDY SCOTT, formerly ranked as seventh best heavyweight in the world by THE RING, before his tour of duty with Uncle Sam's Navy, is rapidly coming back to his pre-war form and continues to be a big gate attraction in the Southwest. A recent defeat by Bill Petersen at Tulsa, whom Scott defeated on two occasions, was "unalibied" by the Oklahoma fighter or his handlers. However, expert ringside opinion was that Scott "left his fight in the gym" by training too hard. Scott weighed 176, fully 11 pounds under his best fighting weight, while Petersen had the pull by scaling 211 pounds.

Jimmy Taylor, Oklahoma City, and Art Clark, Tulsa, are making a valiant effort to bring pro boxing back into those two cities. While the only "name" fighters to appear on their cards have been Scott and Petersen, they are rapidly gaining the support of the public and talent alike.

Jackie Lyons, former lieutenant in the Army Air Forces, paired with Dick Smith, Oklahoma City middleweight, staged a blistering main event in Oklahoma City. The fight was booked at the eleventh hour by Promoter Jimmy Taylor, when it was found that Gunnar Barlund would be unable to meet Buddy Scott as planned. Barlund and Scott will meet later.

The Lyons-Smith fistic explosion saw a pair of finely conditioned boys set a terrific pace with little to choose between them. Your reporter gave Lyons a slight edge after an impartial judging. However, there was not enough difference in either Lyons or Smith to give it to either one. The official verdict declared Smith the winner.

Here is one for the book: Many fans at the ringside claimed that there was no seventh round and that in the excitement of a thrilling fight, somewhere, somehow, the seventh round was skipped.

Short Ones from the Southwest: Joey Smithers, Oklahoma City middle, is returning to the ring wars after a layoff of several months. He won his last three starts handily in Florida last November.

Mickey Travis, Billy Strunk, Jimmy "Pineapple" Enopia, formerly of the simon pures, are rapidly forging ahead in this territory. All are recent additions to pro boxing. . . . The boy most likely to put the Sooner State on the fistic map is Jackie Lyons. He improves with every bout. He is a 165-pounder. . . . Red Andrews, erstwhile proprietor of the Arrow Point night spot in Oklahoma City, is showing such junior lightheavyweight wrestling stars as Leroy McGuirk, titleholder; Red Lyons, premier badman; Wild Red Berry, Judo Jack Terry, Dick Trout and others, to sell-out crowds. The same goes for Promoter Sam Avey in Tulsa and other cities in the Southwest. . . . Red Andrews, while a wrestling promoter, seems to be the only official in this section whom all boxers and their managers can agree upon to arbitrate Oklahoma boxing contests.

Pep Again Fighter of the Month

By THE RING EDITOR

THE headliners in the various divisions, with few exceptions, remained on the side lines during the past month, resting for the busy campaign that gets under way with three championship bouts during September. Willie Pep, world featherweight titleholder; Bruce Woodcock, British Empire heavyweight king; Jake LaMotta, outstanding middleweight contender; Ezzard Charles, the ranking light-heavyweight challenger; Elmer Ray, third leading heavyweight contender; Ray Robinson, number 1 welterweight challenger; Tippy Larkin, and Johnny Greco, outstanding welters; Bob Montgomery and Ike Williams, rival claimants for world lightweight honors and Phil Terranova, ranking featherweight contender were among the more prominent members of the fistic tribe who engaged in one or more bouts during the hot month of August. The others were idle.

By far the best performance of the month was displayed by Pep, whose knockout of Jackie Graves in the eighth round of a non-titular bout stood out above all other contests. He again is awarded the month's highest honors. He is chosen the fighter of the month with David Kui Kong Young of Hawaii, next in line because of his classy performance in defeating Luis Castillo, one of the world's best bantams.

The month saw the reappearance of Joe Baksi in the ring. He stopped Sandy McPherson and again takes his place among the ranking ten in his division. With Lee Oma inactive, Baksi replaces him and is the only addition to the previous listing. Bruce Woodcock takes the position occupied last month by Conn. Bruce goes into fifth place and Billy in sixth. Unless Conn soon resumes fighting, he will be dropped. A fight between him and Woodcock would be a natural and would draw one of the biggest gates of the year, especially if staged in England. We suggest such a fight as a "comeback" for Conn, who still could show up most of the heavies and light-heavyweights if he chooses to get back into action.

Elmer Ray continues the most active among the heavies.

In the light-heavyweight division, Ezzard Charles at present is the cream of the outfit. The manner in which he disposed of Lloyd Marshall, makes a fight between him and the winner of the Lesnevich-Woodcock battle or preferably one with Freddie Mills, a bout worth staging.

Johnny Colan has been dropped from the rankings because of his defeat by Jimmy O'Brien. Billy Smith and Booker Beckwith have been added. Beckwith's kayo of Nate Bolden brings him back into the select circle. He now rates ninth.

The continued triumphs of Steve Belloise has enabled him to replace Rocky Graziano in the ratings. Rocky, who fights the champion in a title bout this month, dropped a peg to fourth place and Steve went up to third. Bert Lytell's defeat by Charley Burley, who also outscored Charley Banks, caused his fall from sixth to ninth place. Sonny Horne's three victories have brought him back into the spotlight and he may shortly again step up among the first ten.

Willie Joyce, who has not made the lightweight class for any of his recent bouts, is ousted from that division and is found for the first time among the welters. He is rated fifth. Joe Curcio has been dropped following his quick knockout by Ray Robinson. Bernard Docusen, one of the best lads at his weight to appear in the division in many moons, advanced to eighth position and Jackie Wilson has dropped a peg from ninth to tenth with Danny Kapilow, sixth last month, now in ninth place.

Bob Montgomery continues to head the lighties with Ike Williams on his trail and Johnny Thomas of California, third. Ronnie James, British lightweight king, who meets Williams in what the NBA and British Board of Boxing Control has designated as a world title tilt, is listed tenth.

Enrique Bolanos, the Californian scrapper, is again showing to advantage and because of that, has gone up from tenth to seventh position.

Phil Terranova continues to shine as a feather and heads the contenders with Carlos Chavez, Oscar Calles and Miguel Acevedo following. Jackie Graves, who was kayoed by Willie Pep, has dropped from second to fifth place.

In the bantam class David Kui Kong Young's win over Luis Castillo has gained for him the ranking challenger's post, and Dado Marino has leaped from tenth to fourth place in the flyweight division. The outstanding fights follow:

Here are the leading heavyweight results: Joey Maxim whipped Phil Muscato, 10. Bruce Woodcock knocked out Paul Renet, 6. Elmer Ray knocked out Larry Lane in 2, and George Fitch, 5. Erv Sarlin put an end to the winning ways of Jackie Cranford by copping a 10-round duke and stopped Charlie Roth, 6.

Johnny Martin drew with Steve Ketchel, 10. Curtis Sheppard stopped Jimmy Bell, 8. Jackie Fisher iced Moose Kennedy, 1. Joe Baksi stopped Sandy McPherson, 4.

Lee Savold scored over Johnny White, 10. Cleo Everett whipped Abel Cestac, 10, and Johnny Kapovich, 10. Freddie Schott knocked out Al Blake, 7. Red Applegate halted Gus Dorazio, 5.

Tiger Jack Fox starched Windmill Pearce, 6. Lee Q. Murray chilled Perk Daniels, 4. Bobby Zander whipped Harry Wills, 10, and Jack Porter, 10. Henry Cooper stopped Oscar Goode, 5. Sandy McPherson defeated Adam Spencer, 8.

Joe Muscato defeated Bill Weinberg, 10. Bob Garner outscored Clayton Worlds, 10. Pat Valentino stopped Willie Williams, 8. Tex Boddie outpointed Francisco De La Cruz, 10.

Hein Ten Hoff defeated Walter Neusel before 40,000 people at Hamburg, Germany, in 12 rounds. Willie Brown knocked out Johnny Ebarb, 3. Jerry McSwain outboxed Tony Bosnich, 10. Jimmy Carollo beat Buddy Knox, 8. George Millich whipped Eddie Reed, 10. Moose Kennedy stopped Jackie Fisher, 8.

Joe Baksi knocked out Henry Jones, 5. Johnny Flynn outfought Pat Comiskey, 10. Curtis Sheppard knocked out O'Dell Riley, 6. Gunnar Barlund defeated Joe Matisi, 10. Augustino Guedes stopped Doc Bee, 5.

The light-heavyweights fared as follows: Ezzard Charles knocked out Lloyd Marshall, 6. Tommy Sullivan stopped Anthony Jones, 8. Marvin Bryant outpointed Charley Chaney, 8. Chaney then stopped Bob Gorman, 1. Bob Foxworth scored over Jack Hill, 8. Booker Beckwith starched Nate Bolden, 6. Willie Huff knocked out Bobby Jones, 3.

Joe Kahut scored over Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 15. Jimmy O'Brien whipped Johnny Colan, 8. Ernie Griffin defeated Coolidge Miller, 10; Sam Shumway beat George Cassista, 6. Langston Dennis kayoed George Slater, 5. Ray Augustus knocked out Jimmy Simmons, 1. Watson Jones defeated Tommy Garland, 10.

Bernie Reynolds knocked out Jimmy Hooper, 5. Jimmy Nelson whipped Abel Gonsalves, 10.

Freddie Mills knocked out John Nilsson, 1. Charlie Chaney stopped Marvin Bryant, 8.

Bouts in the middleweight ranks followed: Jake

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending August 12, 1946

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Tony Zale	World's Champion Marty Servo
1—Tami Mauriello	Ezzard Charles	Jake LaMotta	Ray Robinson
2—Joe Wolcott	Freddie Mills	Charley Burley	Beau Jack
3—Elmer Ray	Tommy Yarosz	Steve Belloise	Tippy Larkin
4—Tommy Gomez	Joe Kahut	Rocky Graziano	Johnny Greco
5—Bruce Woodcock	Billy Fox	Marcel Cerdan	Willie Joyce
6—Billy Conn	Archie Moore	Jimmy Edgar	Tony Janiro
7—Lee Q. Murray	Billy Grant	Artie Levine	Tommy Bell
8—Jimmy Bivins	Fitzie Fitzpatrick	Holman Williams	Bernard Docusen
9—Curtis Sheppard	Booker Beckwith	Bert Lytell	Danny Kapilow
10—Joe Baksi	Billy Smith	Jose Basora	Jackie Wilson

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
International Title Vacant	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Jackie Paterson
1—Bob Montgomery (Recognized by N.Y.)	Phil Terranova	David Kui Kong Young	Rinty Monaghan
2—Ike Williams (N.B.A. Champion)	Carlos Chavez	Theo Medina	Bunty Doran
3—Johnny Thomas	Oscar Calles	Luis Castillo	Joe Curran
4—Vic Patrick	Miguel Acevedo	Tony Olivera	Dado Marino
5—Allie Stolz	Jackie Graves	Benny Goldberg	Alex Murphy
6—Julio Jiminez	Ray Famechon	Cliff Curtis	Seaman Terry Allen
7—Enrique Bolanos	Jock Leslie	Cliff Anderson	Stumpy Butwell
8—Johnny Bratton	Sandy Saddler	Jackie Jurich	Dick O'Sullivan
9—Larry Cisneros	Sal Bartolo	Luis Galvani	Tommy Burney
10—Ronnie James	Rennie Clayton	Jimmy Webster	Hugh Cameron

LaMotta defeated Holman Williams, 10. Charley Burley outscored Charley Banks, 10, and Bert Lytell, 10. Vince Fratello beat Freddie Wilson, 8. Bee Bee Washington whipped Ruben Shank, 10. Cocoa Kid defeated Mario Ochoa, 10; but lost to Bert Lytell, 10. Joey LaMotta won over Gene Boland, 10. Cecil Hudson whipped Henry Jordan, 10. Sonny Horne knocked out Tiger Pelon, 1, beat Louis Rousse, 10, and Bobby Berger also 10. Vinnie Vines outscored Art Robinson, 10. Herbie Kronowitz whipped Jerry Fiorello, 10.

Steve Belloise chilled Indian Gomez, 3. Sam Baroudi defeated Ellis Stewart, 10, and stopped Buddy Farrell, 6. Pete Mead defeated Herbie Kronowitz, 10. Coolidge Miller stopped Danny Rosati, 7.

Roy Miller belted out Wild Bill McDowell, 8. Jimmy Sheppard whipped the highly regarded Gene Farland twice in 10-round bouts. Frankie Anderson knocked out Bat Sebastian, 1.

Bob Simmons whipped Tony Motisi, 10. Joe Falco stopped Neil Miller, 6. Paul Lewis stopped Earl Turner, 9. Anton Raadik knocked out Collins Brown, 3, and lost on a disqualification to Jimmy Fields, 1.

Paul Altman stopped Kid Filipino, 5. Larry Carter outpointed Ran Jackson, 6. Cleve Bailey whipped Carman DeJohn, 10, and DeJohn stopped Lou Jones, 5. Gene Cartwright kayoed Bobby Silva in 3. Tony Bertucci defeated Paul Tine, 4. Bobby Britton whipped Meyer Siegel, 10. Tommy Marra beat Dave Cahcun, 6.

Billy Cooper outpointed Vince Fratello, 8. Buster Smith decisioned Tiger Wade, 6. Johnny Rice drew with Jimmy Taylor, 8. Frankie Augustain beat Max Hutchins, 10. Eddie Miller iced Danny Fisher, 2. Oscar Boyd outscored Stanley Simms, 10.

Fred Apostoli hit the comeback trail with a ten-round K.O. over Pedro Jiminez. Ossie Harris knocked out Bee Bee Washington, 10. Jerry Fiorello stopped Johnny King, 5. Jackie Burke outpointed Deacon Logan, 10. Eddie Miller stopped Gib Jones, 10. Billy Bengal whipped Buddy O'Dell, 8.

The welterweight results: Champion Marty Servo knocked out Jimmy Anest in 5 rounds before wounded servicemen at Halloran General Hospital. Johnny Greco knocked out Pat Giordano, 2. Tippy Larkin stopped Bobby Claus, 5. Tony Janiro stopped Tony Reno, 2. Chuck Taylor outfought Tony Pellone, 10. Pellone defeated Ruby Kessler, 10.

Kid Filipino whipped Allen McCorvey, 10. Ruby Kessler kayoed Pat Scanlon, 7. Vic Costa drew with Vic Pignatore, 8.

Willie Joyce defeated Maxie Starr, 10, and Danny Kapilow, 10. Al Coutoure stopped Chick Jones, 5. Freddie Archer bested Vic Costa, 10. Jimmy Hatcher decisioned Cosby Linson, 10.

Bernard Docusen stopped Jorge Morelia, 2, and beat Buster Tyler, 8. Tyler beat Al Mobley, 8, and Billy Nixon, 10. George LaRover defeated Nunzio Ferrara, 10. Tony DeRosa iced Jimmy Murray, 6. Morrie Reif whipped Joey Peralta, 8, and starched Jack Larrimore in 4. Pat Donahue starched Nick Guagliardo, 1.

Don Lee stopped Howard Bleyhl, 10, but lost to Ray Brown, 10, and Jack Burke, 10. Red Perkins outscored Eddie Richmond, 8. Charlie Fusari beat Benny Singleton, 8, and stopped Johnny Lovett, 8. Billy Tierney whipped Lincoln Stanley, 10.

Nava Esparza defeated Vic Moreno, 10. Alex Vega stopped Lou Flyer, 6. Jerome Frazier beat Charley Howard, 8. Charley Zivic outscored Sammy Adragna, 10. Vinnie Rossano knocked out Jimmy McDonough, 2. Tony Falco outscored Bat Stroud, 8.

Tommy Bell knocked out Willard Buckless, 2, and beat Jackie Wilson, 10. Al Costa stopped Kenny James, 5, and Joe Relick, 5. Charlie Williams stopped Eddie Letourneau, 5. Letourneau then lost to Maurice Beauchene, 10.

Harry Hintlian stopped Bobby Quinn in 5 when the referee stopped the fight due to a bad cut under Quinn's eye. Quinn was well ahead at the time the bout was stopped. Harry Hurst knocked out Ralph Walton, 6. Charley Busalacchi stopped Henry Mills, in 1 and Jerry Martin also in 1 heat. Eddie Murphy scored over Rocco Rossano, 8, and Juan Carrero, 8. Cliff Turner knocked out Don Uzar, 3; Frank Kovacs stopped Herb Reed, 5.

Charlie Davis whipped Joey Varoff, 8. Frankie Gromada scored over Mike Konnors, 8. Willard Buckless took the duke over Jerry Boisvert, 10. Roger Whynott outpointed Tony Petro, 8.

Billy Tordiglione knocked out Ernie Knight, 2, and beat Charley Howard, 10. Joe Peralta beat Bobby Cummings, 8. Chuck Hunter defeated Jackie Cooper, 8. Jimmy Sherrer stopped Tommy Lemmon, 1.

Norman Rubio stopped George Smith, 10. Young Salvatore stopped Bobby Davis, 10. Roman Alvarez outpointed Charley Millan, 10. Jackie Ryan and Don Lemos drew in 10. Billy Tierney whipped Jackie Burke, 10. Kid Crosby stopped Oliver Hamm, 4. Len Taglia beat Willis Scott, 8.

Charley Williams trounced Berry Wright, 10. Tommy Jessup stopped Johnny Cesario, 3. Willie Odom beat Tommy Mills, 8. Pete Geno whipped Russ Baxter, 8.

Al Seidman knocked out Charlie "Dixie" Davis, 3. George Martin knocked out Red Doty, 7. Julio Franco outpointed Paul Guerrero, 10. Mike Stankovich drew with Johnny Suarez, 10. Johnny Sheppard outscored Tommy Rotolo, 10. Ernie Copeland whipped Vic Pignatore, 8.

Ronnie James defeated Pat Cunane, 8. Ric Sanders knocked out Johnny Downes, 5, George Butler, 5, and beat Ginger Ward, 10. Ginger Stewart defeated Kid Marcel, 10. Ernie Stapleton stopped Vic Manini, 1.

Roman Alvarez drew with Johnny Williams, 8. Vince Gambill iced Steve Sloneski, 3.

In the lightweight class: Bob Montgomery defeated George LaRover in a 10-round non-title bout. Ike Williams knocked out Ivan Christie, 2. Joey Varoff drew with Ernie Copeland, 8.

Buddy Garcia defeated Paul Reguejo, 8. John Thomas knocked out Arturo Barron, 4. Lulu Costantino whipped Rudy Garcia, 8, and kayoed Danny Stanzione, 3. Dorsey Lay beat Eddie Giosa, 10.

George Neubeck defeated Willie Thomas, 8. Jimmy Collins stopped Archie Wilmer, 6. Tony Mar lifted the Mexican lightweight crown from Carlos Malacara, 12. Frankie Moore whipped Al Medrano, 10, but lost to Enrique Bolanos, 10.

Julio Jiminez knocked out Raul Zenit, 6. Willie Roache beat Vince Dell 'Orto, 10; stopped George Williams, 1. Ray Lewis outpointed John Thomas, 6. Eddie Hudson stopped Alvaro Estrada, 8.

Fabela Chavez beat Alfredo Escobar, 10. Dave Meredith whipped Freddy Yellavich, 8. Mario Centi defeated Johnny Wells, 8. Artie DePietro outscored Paulie Jackson, 10.

Benny Calla whipped Tony Rodriguez, 10. Willie Russell knocked out Al Diaz, 4. Proctor Heinold whipped Bob Bradley, 10. Joey Carkido knocked out Charlie Grant, 1; and beat Harry Diduck, 6.

Joey D'Amato chilled Earl Shaw, 4. Juste Fontaine knocked out Jim Pierce, 4. Florient Desmarais knocked out Walter Gomes, 4. Juan Filalba kayoed Joey Smith, 6. Tommy Greb decisioned Lloyd Hudson, 10.

Eddie Prince beat Benny Calla, 10. Ritchie Shinn trounced Yasu Yasutake, 8. Eddie Salazar was stopped by Robert Takeshita, 4. Jetson Arnold whipped Doug Ratford, 10.

Tony Chavez scored over Jimmy Joyce, 10. Ritchie Polite stopped Walter Lewis, 5. Al Marrone whipped Grady Wilson, 8. Joe Pyle beat Frankie Conti, 10.

Jean Barriere defeated Red Perkins, 10, and Roland Prairie, 10. Mike DeCesmo stopped Humberto Zavala, 5. Bobby Campbell defeated Blaine Macomber, 8. Booker Hodges beat Vic Moreno, 8.

Johnny Bratton whipped Bill Eddy, 10. Ace Miller scored over Eddie Smith, 10. Tommy Wells knocked out Mario Colon, 2. Jackie Webber outscored Leo Mucucci, 10.

Billy Thompson whipped Jimmy Jury, 8. Harry Hughes stopped Doug Furey, 8. Stan Hawthorn knocked out Charlie Fox, 4. Warren Kendall beat Claude Bennington, 8.

Juste Fontaine stopped Mike Raffa, 5. Eddie Giosa defeated Chester Rico, 10. Doll Rafferty scored over Charley Cabey Lewis, 10. Willie Russell knocked out Chuck Hirst, 3. Bobby Woods stopped Bobby Liftwood, 2.

Eric Boon knocked out Laurie Stevens at Johannesburg in three rounds.

The featherweight results were: Willie Pep knocked out Jackie Graves in the 8th round of a non-title encounter. Phil Terranova scored over Sandy Saddler, 10. Saddler kayoed Dom Amoroso in the second. Alfredo Escobar beat Speedy Cabanella, 10. Cabanella kayoed Manuel Garces, 2. Jimmy Callura outclassed Bobby Richards in two eight-rounders.

Miguel Acevedo defeated Jimmy McAllister, 10. Dom Fiantini outfought Sammy Zellman, 8. Jock Leslie stopped Sammy Parrotta, 5.

Freddy Herman decisioned Edgar Bennett, 6. Tomas Beato handed Eddie Compo his first defeat by copping an 8-round verdict. Tomas then whipped Rocky Progano, 10. Eddie Campo beat Joey Iannotti, 8. Nick Stato beat Al Pennino, 8. Archie Devine outpointed Leo La Brun, 8.

Juan Leanos stopped Sammy Anders, 6. Danny Webb whipped Joey Dolan, 8. Herb "Biff" Jones scored over Petey Virgin, 10. Martin Taber starched Eddie Petrin, 1. Steve Kronis stopped Ray Daoust, 4. Pat Brady beat Kronis in 8.

Baby Gonzales drew with Eddie Hudson, 10. Mimmie Adragna whipped Lefty LaChance, 10. Jackie Harris knocked out Bobby English, 10, knocked out Pat Madden, 6.

Francis Leonard bested Oliver Desmarais, 8. Willie Roache defeated Filberto Osario, 10; knocked out George Williams, 1. Charley "Cabey" Lewis iced Doll Rafferty in 2.

Johnny Wolgast defeated Jackie Floyd, 10. Joe Aponte Torres beat Earl Trader, 8; Billy Strauss outpointed Tony De Salvo, 8; Charley Noel beat Bobby Richards, 8. Pat Iacobucci beat Don Rocco, 10; Dave Hernandez gained the decision over Horace Lefwich (Little Giant) in 10. Freddie Picone put an end to the winning ways of Morris Belkin, 4.

Tommy Gred defeated Teddy Swain, 10. Carlos Chavez outscored Juan Leanos, 10.

In the bantamweight class here is what happened: David Kui Kong Young defeated Luis Castillo, 10. Earl Roys knocked out Danny Martin, 5; Sparkey Duquette, 5, and defeated Sal Giglio, 8. Jorge Sanchez stopped Charlie Kelley, 5, but lost to Al Ellis in 8. Nick Harris handed Jimmy Sulla his first pro loss in 6 rounds, and remained undefeated himself. David Kui Kong Young beat Luis Castillo, 12.

Stan Rowen stopped Jimmy Webster, 4. Young Tino knocked out Mariano Lucas, 1. Val Alvarado drew with Gus Rosa, 6. Eddie Reyes whipped Kid Waialua, 4. Kenny Lindsay outpointed Jackie Turner, 12. Chili Cantero knocked out Pee Wee Flores, 6.

The flyweights went this way: Dado Marino easily whipped Anki Hoshijo, 6. Tsuneshi Maruo stopped Mariano Lucas, 1. Lucas was then stopped by Masa Hanagami in 2. Jose Onacanim whipped Tiger Rosa, 5. Billy Davies defeated Alf Hughes, 12. Bernardo Flores defeated Luis Reyes, 10.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight — Charlie Riggs, Akron, Ohio.

Light-heavyweight—Reuben Jones, Norfolk, Virginia.

Middleweight—Jimmy Sheppard, Chicago, Illinois.

Welterweight—Charlie Daniels, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Lightweight—Maxie Docusen, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Featherweight—Honey Chile Johnson, Asbury Park, New Jersey.

Bantamweight—Earl Roys, Bristol, Connecticut.

Flyweight — Skeets Gallagher, Great Britain.

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207½, pudgy Harlem Negro, in 2:51 of the fifth round of a scheduled ten-round main go.

Jones held his own with Baksi and the going was fairly even until the fatal fifth, when Joe jolted Jones suddenly with a left hook to ring down the curtain.

Maxie Docusen, 129, New Orleans, kid brother of Bernard, made his local debut and knocked out Johnny Gebert, 130½, Valley Stream, L. I., in 1:04 of the fifth heat of a listed six-round semi-final.

Two other sixes saw Frankie Palermo, 135½, Bronx, beat Woody Windsor, 139½, Harlem, and Ray Lewis, 135¼, Honolulu, whipped Jimmy Carter, 132½, Bronx. In the four-round bouts, Ed Greenwood, 158½, West Side, outpointed Mike Vasquez, 163½, Harlem, and Tommy Lynch, 139, Wilmington, Del., stopped William Littlejohn, 134½, Buffalo, in 52 seconds of the second.

Battering his man badly about both eyes, Jerry Fiorello, 159, Red Hook Italian favorite, stopped Johnny King, 154, Harlem, in 2:38 of the fifth round of a main event listed for eight rounds at the Coney Island Velodrome.

King was game but could not cope with Jerry's torrid body attack at the beginning. He was down for a one-count in the third round when Fiorello caught him with a right uppercut. In the fourth round, King's right eye swelled badly, and in the fifth, Johnny sustained a cut over the left eye, at which stage the veteran arbiter, Johnny McAvoy, called a halt. The judges were Gus Galli and Izzy Cohen.

Vince DeMarco, Brooklyn lightweight, dropped Aurelio Vasquez of Mexico with a right to the jaw for a count of two in the first round and went on to capture the decision in a six-rounder. In another six, Jimmy Reid, New York lightweight, defeated Joe DiSoso, New Orleans.

Nick Bertucci, Brooklyn welterweight youngster, won over Joe Gibbs, and Joe LaScala, East Side, beat Herbie Morris of Cleveland in four-round frays.

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N.Y. Furnished First Heavyweight Champ (Continued from page 5)

on June 16, 1864. Supported by crutches, crippled by rheumatism and dropsy, a mere shadow of his once stalwart self, he was led on the stage by John Poole, brother of Hyer's murdered comrade, Bill Poole, and cheered to the echo by the big crowd assembled. Five days later, Tom Hyer, first American heavyweight champion, died at his Manhattan home at 155 East 35th Street.

Though there was plenty of fighting in and around New York during what may be termed the Hyer regime, it is characteristic of the curiously unsettled state of ring affairs in America during that period that no championship titles were recorded or recognized among the pugilists of the smaller divisions.

Only the big fellows held the spotlight of public interest, and there were but few of them important enough to have their doings in or out of the squared circle chronicled by the fistic scribes. This seems all the stranger when it is recollected that an altogether different state of things existed in Great Britain, where the smaller pugilistic fry had won, lost and defended titles in the various classes for several decades. In this connection, it is interesting to note that Abe Hicken, a native New Yorker, was the first American lightweight champion of record. Hicken claimed the title when he whipped Pete McCarthy in five rounds, at Perryville, Md., on December 23, 1868, and retired in 1872.

John Morrissey, destined to succeed to Hyer's crown, was not a New Yorker by birth, but became a Manhattan citizen and an extremely prominent one, both as regarded his pugilistic and political career. He was born in Ireland, came to this country when a boy, and grew to manhood in Troy, N. Y.

While still a youth, he made his home in New York city, and joined the Tammany Hall scrapping brigade. Morrissey speedily made a name for himself as a formidable rough-and-tumble fighter, as well as a clever glove performer. On one occasion he engaged in a street encounter with the redoubtable Bill Poole, but was "ganged" by Bill's henchmen and given an awful mauling.

It took more than that to dampen Morrissey's belligerent spirit, however. But, as he had set his heart on a ring career, and found matches difficult to obtain around New York, he went to California in 1851, where the lure of the gold fields had drawn swarms of adventurers from all quarters of the globe; and a man with two good fists and willing to use them could pick up a lucrative living between the ropes.

Morrissey won six battles on the Coast, but scored his most notable triumph by defeating George Thompson, a veteran ringster, trainer and friend of Tom Hyer. The contest took place on Mare's Island, August 31, 1852, Morrissey winning in the eleventh round when his thoroughly outclassed opponent grew desperate and resorted to foul tactics.

This victory boomed Morrissey's stock sky high, as Thompson had a big reputation in the East, and when John returned to Manhattan he was somebody the sports world just had to pay attention to. There followed his unavailing challenge to Hyer, already referred to, and a defiance by Morrissey to any man in the ring, and, failing Hyer, Yankee Sullivan in particular.

With Hyer definitely out of the running, there could be no logical objection to a Morrissey-Sullivan match with the American heavyweight title at stake, and this was arranged. Yankee had long been jealous of Morrissey's prestige as a fighting man, among the former's own clan, the Tammany crowd, and considered this a good chance to even scores with his rival.

Sullivan had been completely overmatched by Hyer in height and reach in their memorable combat, but he figured Morrissey as far easier game. He erred badly in this belief, for Yankee's best fighting weight was but 155 pounds, and he was only five feet, eight inches tall. Morrissey scaled at 175, and stood five feet, eleven and three-quarter inches in height.

In the thirty-seventh round a free-for-all fight started among the spectators. Sullivan became involved with a couple of outsiders who had broken through the ropes, then he suddenly left the ring and refused to answer the call of time for another round. John Morrissey was consequently proclaimed winner and champion of America, on October 12, 1853.

This second defeat and the disgrace of losing to his Tammany rival so embittered Yankee Sullivan that he deserted the East for good and went to San Francisco, where his habits and inclinations soon resulted in his becoming a prominent figure in the underworld of that city. The Golden Gate was a veritable hotbed of vice in those days and in the spring of 1856, a Vigilance Committee went into action and cleaned up the city, with Judge Lynch playing an active part in the proceedings.

Yankee Sullivan was caught in the dragnet and thrown into jail. On May 31 he was found dead in his cell. Whether he committed suicide, or was slain by the Vigilantes was never satisfactorily determined.

Like Hyer, the redoubtable John Morrissey so far outclassed the heavyweight field that he reigned for five years as champion before being called upon to defend it. That suited Morrissey, whose mind was now set upon following politics altogether. Left to himself, he would have retired from the ring, as he yearned for fame and fortune in an entirely different direction.

But Fate willed it otherwise. For John G. Heenan suddenly breezed into New York and issued a challenge to Morrissey for a title-match. Curiously enough, these two were old enemies, their feud dating from boyhood in Troy, N. Y., where Heenan was born. Their hot-headed Irish fathers had quarreled over the outcome of a cocking-main, both being breeders of scrapping roosters, as a consequence of which the Heenan-Morrissey families were continually at loggerheads. The lads mixed in street fights on a couple of occasions, and it was war to the knife, metaphorically speaking, whenever they met.

When Morrissey went to New York, Heenan headed for the Pacific Coast. Like Morrissey, he made a reputation there with his fists, and acquired the nickname of "the Benicia Boy," which clung to him throughout his ring career.

Pressure was brought to bear on Morrissey by a host of his Manhattan admirers to abandon his expressed intention of retiring, and to accept Heenan's challenge. This was increased by his dislike of the challenger, which dated back to the enmity he had cherished against him in their childhood days. So the champion accepted, and a family feud reached its culmination when America's two best heavyweights met at Long Point, Canada, on October 20, 1858.

Physical advantages rested with Heenan, who weighed 195 pounds against Morrissey's 175, and who was superior in height and reach. The bigger man took the offensive at once, breaking Morrissey's nose and cutting him over the left eye. It looked none too good for the champion's chances. But Morrissey rushed in, hammering Heenan's stomach and compelling the Benicia Boy to retreat to the ropes. Heenan essayed a right swing, which Morrissey ducked, and Heenan's hand collided with the wooden stake in a neutral corner.

This accident may have lost the battle for Heenan. From then on, he seldom ventured to use his right hand, the knuckles of which were broken. At all events, Morrissey kept on forcing the pace, and Heenan was stopped in the eleventh round.

There was a lot of Western money wagered on Heenan, but the New York gambling cohorts had backed Morrissey to a man, and great was the Manhattan rejoicing over the latter's victory. But their exultation suffered a decided check when Morrissey publicly announced that he was through with the game of professional fisticuffs.

Like Gene Tunney in a later age of fistiana, Morrissey meant what he said. Challenged again by Heenan, he resigned the title, which was at once claimed by the Benicia Boy.

John Morrissey's after career was even more spectacular than his ring achievements. Capitalizing on his wide-spread popularity, he opened gambling houses in New York city and Saratoga, and accumulated a comfortable fortune. He devoted himself to the forwarding of his political ambitions so energetically that in 1870 he received a nomination for Congress and served two terms there, without a stain on his record.

In 1875 he was elected to the State Senate from the Fourth Senatorial District, having fought successfully against Tammany Hall, the organization of which he was once a strong-arm guard. In 1877 he was again elected to the Senate, this time from the Seventh, the wealthiest and most fashionable district in the city. With his usual pugnacity, Morrissey had selected the Seventh District, because his detractors had stated that none but the Fourth would be guilty of backing a prize fighter for such a distinction.

He was endorsed by the Republicans, and though in bad health, threw himself heart and soul into the struggle. However, he never lived to take his last-won seat in the Senate. On April 29, 1878, he suffered a paralytic stroke and died the day following in his forty-seventh year.

Tom Hyer occupied the heavyweight throne for twelve years, Morrissey reigned five years, and both men retired undefeated.

Kid Lavigne's Triumph

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please, that by now it had become a lightweight classic, a great exhibition of boxing, and a contest of hard hitting and international clamor.

At the close of the fifteenth round, it was a draw. Had the fight ended there, no other decision could have been given.

But they had five more heats to go. Five more by contract, but only two in so far as victorious Lavigne was concerned.

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LAVIGNE ripped Dick to pieces in the sixteenth. He finally got that famous right hook, which had killed Bowen, going with fatal execution. Burge had to be assisted to his corner in that round, and the big crowd sensed that he was near the end of his tether.

Burge's handlers sent him out for the seventeenth with the word, "Hold on. Don't fight and don't let him fight in this round."

But Lavigne knew that he had Burge where he wanted him. Wily George threw rights and left to the body.

Burge may have suspected what was in George's head. But that fierce attack for the stomach left him with no option. He lowered his guard, and then, WHAM! Lavigne shot a right to the jaw and Burge fell on his face. They could have counted 100 over him.

The lightweight championship of the world had just come to the United States.

The round by round story of the fight, excluding the few heats in which there was no particularly important action, is as follows:

Lavigne came out with a mad rush at the bell for the opening round and slammed Burge in the pit of the stomach with a wicked right. The Englishman dived into a clinch, but Lavigne beat him off with some short right and left hooks into the body that had Burge groggy at the bell.

"Keep 'em low," yelled Fitzpatrick as Lavigne came out for the second round. The Kid feinted rapidly for the head with his left and then swished in a wicked right chop to the heart that almost doubled Burge up along the ropes. In a mad rush to get at his taller opponent Lavigne crashed into one of the ring posts headlong.

The wooden support cut a long gash in his forehead, over his right eye, and he was a bloody sight when he scrambled to his feet. Not for an instant did he hesitate, but tore in with both hands going wickedly for the head and body. Burge was strictly on the defensive and managed to hold the Kid off with his long left, but soaked up enough wallops to send him tired to his corner.

Lavigne was still bleeding badly when he answered the gong for the third round. Burge pumped in half a dozen left jabs to the head without a return, but Lavigne shook off the blows and waded in close. He ripped in two hard right-handers to the stomach and then missed a wicked left swing for the head that almost carried him through the ropes. Burge countered with hard left and right swings to the head that had Lavigne swinging wildly.

The house went crazy over Burge's wonderful showing in the fourth round. He took every exchange by a wide margin and battered the Kid's head back with a snap with some lightning straight left jabs. The American looked a defeated man when he staggered over to his stool at the bell. He was blood from head to foot and was gasping for breath. His cauliflower ear, a present from Joe Walcott, was a battered mass and he had difficulty in clearing the blood from his nose. The odds quickly shifted the greater proportions and Fitzpatrick was busy betting during the minute's rest.

Burge came out like a flash for the fifth round, but Lavigne met him with a stiff right hook to the body that brought him up short. Burge dived into a clinch and was cautioned by the referee for holding. Little Lavigne was busy jumping up in the air and swinging his right for the jaw, but Burge held him safe with his long left.

They both were tired in the sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth rounds. Lavigne coming out fresher as the battle progressed and the long cut in his forehead got better; Fitzpatrick paying particular attention to the wound between rounds. Toward the end of the ninth round things looked blue for the Americans present. Burge repeatedly jabbing his left stiffly to the head without a return; Lavigne swinging wild haymakers through the air that failed to land.

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AT THE BEGINNING of the tenth round the fighting was extremely fast, with Lavigne driving the Englishman to the ropes and whipping in both hands to the body as fast as he could work them. Burge tin-canned all over the ring in an effort to evade the American's rushes, but received some severe punishment about the body. As Lavigne came in with his head down in a mad rush, Burge swung his right with all his weight behind it. The blow landed with a snap behind the "Kid's" left ear and he was knocked groggy up against the ropes. Before Burge could measure his man the bell rang and Lavigne had to be assisted over to his corner.

They stood toe to toe swapping wallops in the eleventh round, with Lavigne getting the worst of the exchanges. He had difficulty in getting his blows home with any power, due to Burge's long left that he kept tucked under the "Kid's" chin.

The twelfth round was slightly in the American's favor. He managed to swish in a hard right hook to the stomach, but was almost knocked through the ropes when Burge let loose his right to the jaw. They fought hard along the ropes and at the bell were on the floor, when each connected with his right at the same instant.

Lavigne renewed his rushing in the thirteenth, but failed to land any damaging blows; the Englishman snapping out his left and bringing the American up short. Burge led in the attack in the fourteenth round. He jabbed his left to the head and then fell short with a right cross, Lavigne countering hard with two wicked chops to the kidneys. The exchanges were much slower and it seemed that both men were resting for a hurricane finish in the closing rounds. Burge managed to swing his right to the muscle of Lavigne's left arm and that caused the American to wince at the bell.

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THEY both indulged in some close infighting in frequent clinches in the fifteenth round with honors even, although Lavigne managed to sneak in a heavy overhand right to the stomach at the bell. The sixteenth round was all Lavigne. He came out with a rush, but missed Burge with a right and crashed through the ropes. He had to be helped back into the ring, but the fall only increased his fierceness. He slammed Burge with a wicked right hook to the jaw and the Englishman crashed to the canvas for a count of seven.

He was very groggy when he managed to stagger to his feet, but Lavigne was wild with his blows and Burge was able to clinch. Lavigne fought like a wild man in the clinch and Burge slipped to the canvas. He took a count of nine, but was promptly knocked sprawling with a short left jab to the point of the jaw; the bell saved him.

In the seventeenth and last round Burge came out to stick the limit by stalling and clinching. Lavigne cut a furious pace and hooked both hands for the body as fast as his fists would go.

He paid no attention to the head, but kept banging away at the body until Burge lowered his guard, when, quicker than a flash, Lavigne swung his right for the jaw and Burge toppled over forward and fell on his face. He was counted out by Referee Angle amidst the greatest excitement.

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LAVIGNE returned to New York the Conquering Hero. The toast of Broadway. The man who had tied a knot in the British Lion's tail. There was a lot of that nonsense back in 1896.

New York shouted for a view of the new world champion in action so he took on Charley McKeever for four rounds, in little more than an exhibition, on July 20.

On October 27, Lavigne really showed New York how he had whipped Burge. He knocked out Jack Everhardt in 24 rounds in one of the most viciously fought lightweight struggles in the history of the ring.

Lavigne achieved another peak when in a return match with Walcott in San Francisco on October 29, 1897, he scored a 12-round triumph.

Then George came back East, and the deterioration which comes out of a bottle set in.

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and his matchmaker, Nat Rogers, took the long gamble and approached Remini and Tami. Would they like to tangle with Robert?

Pastor, understand, had just whipped a flock of tough 'uns in the West and he was as hot as a firecracker. Remini didn't hang on to argue. "Give me a contract," and Jacobs and Rogers swooned.

"The nerve of him," declared Jacobs. No sooner was the match clinched than the "experts" along Jacobs' Beach agreed Tami was in for the licking of his young life. "The fresh punk" was the label the boys hung on the lad who had the audacity to tackle Pastor.

The night of battle many stayed home because they feared Bob would make mince meat out of the kid. Tami was tabbed 1 to 6 to get his body sent to Polyclinic Hospital across the street from the amphitheatre. There were only a few takers, but many wagered he might go the scheduled ten rounds.

What a fight the wise guys missed! It was a humdinger, one of the best I've ever feasted my eyes on. Ding dong, all the way.

Tami scored a knockdown in the first round to the consternation of the small crowd.

Mauriello put on a thrilling finish and when it was all over, the spectators cheered loud and long. I'd go a million miles, literally speaking, to see them fight again. That's how much I liked it.

It was not until the other day that Tami revealed he fought Pastor with a back pain that bothered him no end during the entire ten rounds. He could hardly bend, so excruciating was the pain. He did very little roadwork and his preliminary gym chores were not up to snuff.

"It may surprise you to learn that the kid fainted one afternoon in the gym," said Remini, "but we managed to keep it a secret. It is my opinion that if Tami had been in condition he would have knocked out Pastor."

When Tami began boxing professionally, he had a good left hand but didn't know how to use the right effectively. Remini taught him to sharpen his best stock in trade, and since then he's used it with telling effect.

Remini was a fighter once upon a time, but after sixteen "pro" bouts he decided to hang 'em up and has been concentrating on managing fighters. In sixty amateur bouts, Lefty is authority for the startling information that he scored fifty knockouts, which is quite a record. Al Silvani, a neighborhood pal, is Tami's trainer, and a faithful one, too. He worships the ground Mauriello walks on.

Tami is a good horseback rider, likes to swim and plays plenty of stick softball. He has a team of softball players known as the Mauriello Stars. His rooters represent a cross-section of the Bronx. They follow him around from fight to fight, with cowbells, cap pistols and sirens.

The night he fought Pastor, three-quarters of the Garden was made up of Mauriello enthusiasts. He always packed 'em in when he fought in the small clubs.

From Oldtimer's Scrapbook

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canvas and lay there, knocked out completely. There wasn't a shadow of suspicion as to the genuineness of the affair. Referee Paddy Carroll, formerly a well known coast heavyweight and sparring partner with Jack Burke, the "Irish lad," later a prominent boxing promoter in Chicago, counted the senseless men out and ordered them taken to their respective corners. This was done, they both revived—and then came the astounding feature of the night's entertainment.

For the club committee went into solemn session and announced at the close of its deliberations that as neither man had won, the purse, amounting to the magnificent sum of $500, would be declared forfeited.

Loud were the lamentations of the betrayed battlers, but louder yet arose the bellow of big Paddy Carroll, whose Celtic blood steamed to fever heat at the idea of being made party to such a treacherous transaction. With many a fervent oath Paddy faced the committee members and swore that unless Meehan and Fitzpatrick received their just financial reward, he would take them upon a personally conducted tour of every newspaper office in San Francisco and have the story of the California Club's perfidy printed in thorough detail.

Confronted with this alternative the committee reversed its decision and handed over the 500 bucks. But just think of the majestic meanness of it all!

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NONE of his adventures in Congress or as national amateur heavyweight boxing champion, brought Senator Warren Barbour, New Jersey Republican, the thrill he got as a belligerent timekeeper during the Willard-Dempsey fight.

The young tigerish Dempsey rained damaging blows on the body of the champion under the broiling sun that day at Toledo and Old Jess fell to the floor. A slightly deaf referee, Ollie Pecord, began counting the fatal ten. The bell rang, ending the first round but Pecord didn't hear it.

Thousands of fans were on their feet yelling and shouting their approval of this youth who had cut down the massive Willard.

"No one paid any mind as I signaled frantically that the round had ended—that the bell had saved Willard," Barbour recalled.

"The crowd was in an uproar, handlers had sprung into the ring to dance joyously around Dempsey. I might well have hushed and let the bout go down in the records as a one-round knockout, but I was determined Willard should have the advantage the bell had given him.

"I kept yelling until I caught Pecord's attention. There was a loud squawk from the Dempsey bunch, but I stood by my guns and the fight was continued."

Pecord had told Barbour he was deaf and had given him a whistle to blow. "But there was nothing in the rules about the whistle blowing, so I wouldn't blow it," the Senator explained.

The husky New Jersey solon, biggest man in Congress, might have been champion himself had he chosen a professional career. Few better prospects ever drew on the gloves. But he decided on a business life, and never was sorry.

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McAuliffe won the amateur championship before he turned professional. Jack was in the ring for more than a decade and never was defeated officially.

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MATTY MATTHEWS held the welterweight title for seven months. He defeated Rube Ferns for the championship in 15 rounds at Detroit, Mich., October 16, 1900. Ferns turned the tables on Matthews and regained the title at Toronto on May 24, 1901. Rube knocked out Matty in the tenth round.

The deeds and name of the late Terry McGovern, former world's bantam and American featherweight champion, are fresh in the minds of every one. He was one of fistiana's greatest little warriors, and it will be a long time before another little fellow of his remarkable fighting ability will be seen. Terry defeated Pedlar Palmer of England, for the world's bantamweight championship and then beat George Dixon for the American featherweight title. His defeat by Young Corbett needs no mention.

One seldom hears the name of Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan mentioned these days, yet Tommy held the championship from 1904 to 1908. He knocked out Abe Attell in the fifth round in a match for the featherweight title in St. Louis, October 12, 1904, and reigned on the featherweight throne until April 30, 1908, when Attell regained the crown at San Francisco by scoring a kayo in four rounds.

Al McCoy of Brooklyn met George Chip—world's middleweight champion by virtue of his defeat of Frank L. Klaus—conqueror of Carpentier, European middleweight champion—in a bout at the Broadway Sporting club of Brooklyn in 1914, and McCoy surprised the sporting world by knocking out Chip in the first round. The chance blow landed on Chip, kept McCoy middleweight champion until he in turn was knocked out by Mike O'Dowd in 1917.

Johnny Wilson won the middleweight title on a referee's decision from Mike O'Dowd. He was born in Italy, but spent most of his life in New York. He lived for years a few blocks away from Benny Leonard in Harlem. Johnny broke into the boxing game in New York and, like McCoy, never was considered anything more than a second rater. His victory over O'Dowd in Boston was a questionable one.

Benny Leonard virtually was the first Manhattan born and raised world's champion Pop Knickerbocker ever boasted. Benny was without a peer in the lightweight ranks. By many he rates as the greatest lightweight since the days of the old master, Joe Gans.

New York City's champions and their tenure of the title follow:

Tom Hyer — Heavyweight — 1847-1849. (Held only the American title.)

Gene Tunney — Heavyweight — 1926-1928. (American title only.) Retired.

Gene Tunney—Light-heavyweight—1923. (Retired.)

Paul Berlenbach — Light-heavyweight 1925-1926. (American title only.)

Maxie Rosenbloom — Light-heavyweight —1930-1934.

Bob Olin — Light-heavyweight — 1934-1935.

Nonpareil Jack Dempsey — Middleweight — 1884-1891.

Al McCoy—Middleweight — 1914-1917.

Johnny Wilson — Middleweight—1920-1923.

Ben Jeby — Middleweight — 1932-1933. (Recognized only as New York Commission champion.)

Solly Krieger—Middleweight — 1938-1939. (Recognized as N.B.A. champion.)

Matty Matthews — Welterweight—1900-1901.

Jack McAuliffe — Lightweight — 1884-1896. (World title claim challenged.)

Benny Leonard — Lightweight — 1917-1925. (Retired.)

Al Singer — Lightweight — 1930.

Barney Ross — Lightweight — 1933-1935. (Retired.)

Brooklyn Tommy Sullivan — Featherweight — 1904-1908. (World title claim challenged.)

Mike Belloise — Featherweight — 1938. (Recognized as New York Commission champ.)

Pete Scalzo — Featherweight — 1938-1941. (Recognized as N.B.A. champion.)

Terry McGovern — Bantamweight — 1899-1901. (Retired.)

Joe Lynch — Bantamweight — 1920-1921.

Abe Goldstein — Bantamweight — 1924.

Eddie (Cannonball) Martin — Bantamweight — 1924-1925.

Charley Phil Rosenberg — Bantamweight —1925. (Retired; unable to make weight.)

Lou Salica—Bantamweight — 1940-1942.

Frankie Genaro—Flyweight — 1923-1925. (Genaro was recognized in 1923 as American champion only while Pancho Villa who had defeated Jimmy Wilde was generally recognized as the international champion. But with the death of Villa in 1925, Genaro received world recognition.)

Corporal Izzy Schwartz — Flyweight — 1927-1929. (Recognized by New York Commission only.)

LEATHERNECKS BOX *in* CHINA

By PFC. JOSEPH M. PAVLAK, USMCR

TIENTSIN, CHINA.—When Ubaldo Giometti, an Italian national, first journeyed to China he probably expected to continue his favorite athletic pastime of boxing, but the chances are mighty slim that he ever contemplated tutoring U. S. Marines in the finer phases of pugilism. Yet that's exactly what Giometti, China's undefeated light-heavyweight champion for the past nine years, did when he heard that U. S. Leathernecks based in Tientsin and Tsingtao were going to compete in amateur boxing bouts.

A veteran of Japanese occupation of Northern China since Japan's invasion, and a little too far advanced in his middle thirties to remain active in boxing, Giometti placed two promising Marines of the Tientsin team under his instructive wing and proceeded to transform them into accomplished artists of the squared circle.

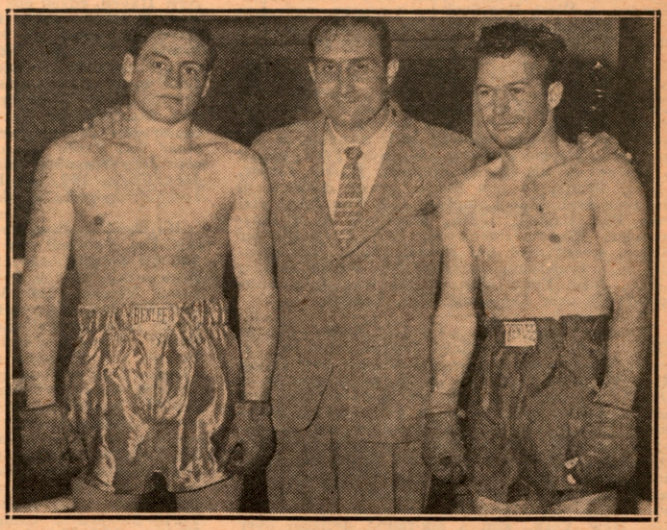
The Marines, "Frenchy" LaSalle of New Iberia, North Carolina, and Roxey Castellani of Luzerne, Pennsylvania, rewarded their coach for his gratis services by copping the bantamweight and middleweight titles, respectively.

In one of the fastest events on the card, LaSalle employed a hard left and right hook that proved too much for his opponent, Georgie Hines, of Washington, North Carolina.

Already holder of the title of middleweight champion of China, Castellani found an apt contestant in the person of Sammy Muscato of Buffalo, New York, a member of the Tsingtao Marine team. The Giometti-trained Marine won the match by decision after a close three rounds.

Other Marine winners in the Tientsin-Tsingtao bouts were: H. T. Moore of Danville, Kentucky, over Willie Triplett of Los Angeles, California, in the lightweight class; Phil Violette of Van Buren, Maine, over Harry Bertsch of Pottsville, Pennsylvania, in the welterweight class; "Blackie" Amnesi of Jersey City, New Jersey, over Frankie Muche of Niles, Ohio, in the lightweight class; and Bill Boatsman of Kelso, Washington, over Keith Gordon of Los Angeles, California, in the middleweight class.

Major General DeWitt Peck, commanding general of the First Marine division, presented silver championship belts to the two champions, and General Tu Shien Shih, Deputy Mayor of Tientsin, awarded silver cups symbolic of Chinese-American good will.



Roxey Castellani and Frenchie LaSalle, middleweight and lightweight China Area champs, respectively, and their trainer, Ubaldo Giometti, of Tientsin, former lightweight champion of China.

HEARD AND SEEN IN MICHIGAN

By MICKEY McINTIRE

JAKE LA MOTTA climbed a step further in his quest for the middleweight championship by decisively whipping Holman Williams, classy local Negro, in ten bristling rounds before a crowd estimated at 16,000 at the Detroit University Stadium. The decision of Referee Johnny Weber and two judges, Joe Lenihan and Sam Hennessey, was unanimous. A little booing was heard but most of the experts at the ringside agreed the New York Assassin was entitled to the honors. He clearly won six rounds with one even and three for Williams.

LaMotta's body smashes and the fact that he forced the hot milling from start to finish, caused the officials to vote in his favor. Williams, who is still quite a boxer, used his educated left paw with telling effect, but he was no match for LaMotta when it came to either infighting or long range hitting. LaMotta scored a two-second knockdown in an early fast exchange and had Williams almost out in the ninth stanza, pummelling him with short rib roasters as he lay helpless on the ropes.

The paid attendance was announced as 9,000 odd and the net receipts totalled $26,321. Although figures are not available, it is safe to state that more than 3,000 hungry fans got in free by the simple method of cutting the wire fences around the battleground. Had Promoter Scotty Monteith paid more attention to his promotion instead of worrying about trivial things, the "gate" might have hit the $60,000 mark.

Monteith is through promoting for the summer but he expects to land a couple of good matches for the indoor season. LaMotta was guaranteed $12,500 and Williams fought on percentage.

This was LaMotta's 13th start in the Motor City. He is a big card here. In the 13 battles he won 11, including three kayoes. Ray Robinson handed Jake his first and only Detroit defeat in a ten-round decision on February 26, 1943. Jimmy Edgar held him to a draw last June. LaMotta's knockout victims were Charley Hayes, Jimmy Reeves and George Kochan. His record lists victories over Edgar, Robinson, Jose Basora, Fritzie Zivic, two from Ossie (Bulldog) Harris, and another ten-round decision over Kochan.

Brother Joey slugged out a ten-round split decision over Gene Boland, a local crackerjack middleweight. They have been rematched.

Overseas veteran Billy Bengal seems to be hitting his prewar stride, as he is rolling up a string of victories. Bengal scored recent knockout victories over Johnny Barbara, Luther Brent, Nelson Hawkins, and Young Taylor to mention only a few. Bengal has been showing his wares in rings all over the country including Chicago, Davenport, Toronto, Sandusky, Ohio, and at Mack Park, where he dropped a disputed decision to Sam Hughes. Manager Merle Richards is mapping out a busy winter campaign for this Polish-American puncher.

Lack of patronage caused Patsy Urso and Billy Marrone to suspend promotions at Mack Park. They staged some fine shows there, but didn't have quite enough luck.

Bobby McQuillar, Harry Robertson's crack lightweight can be seen daily at the Paul Revere gym. Willie Dominquez, manager of Al Diaz, and himself a former good bantamweight, is acting as manager of the gym for Mac and Hap the "Pleasant Proprietors."

Joe LaMotta, kid brother of Jake, ran into a tartar in Gene Boland in a ten-rounder for Scotty Monteith, but came off with the decision. Boland is a real good fighter. He previously eked out a close win over Johnny Ryan, himself a New York main eventer.

Larry Ray, the rough going "Radio Cab Driver," gets his share of work, as managers George Cericola, Bill O'Flannigan, and Rudy Zavadil line up plenty of work for him. Larry is looking better all the time.

Marty MacDonald, matchmaker for the Miner's Forum in Glace Bay, N. S., is running some good fights for boxing enthusiasts of the Maritime Provinces. MacDonald is bringing in nothing but the best of talent, and doing well with his shows.

Bunny Pierce, promoting in Davenport, Iowa, has a dandy card in Tommy Campbell, a dandy prospect who stopped Gene Spencer and Roy Lewis. Before a fine crowd, he was forced to go the distance of a no-decision bout which saw McIntire finish much the stronger, capturing the closing rounds without question. Bobby McIntire predicted a bright future for Campbell, who looms as a bright prospect.

CLEVELAND BOXING NEWS

By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

LARRY ATKINS and Bob Brickman scheduled 54 rounds of boxing at the Stadium on July 8. In the feature bout, Tommy Yarosz, 166, Monaca, Pa., outpointed Mose Brown, 172, Pittsburgh, in ten listless rounds. The bout lacked action and was devoid of thrills. Tommy did the forcing but Mose did very little fighting.

Anton Christoforidis, 163, Geneva, O., former light-heavy champ, looked pretty good despite his lengthy layoff due to a stretch in the service, and kayoed Joe Lynch, 165, Newark, N. J., in the third.

Charlie Padalino, 161, Detroit, defeated Augie Fleishauer, 157½, New York, in ten rounds. This fight was replete with action throughout. Padalino scored two knockdowns, but game and willing Augie was very much in the fight, scoring with well-timed jabs and crosses.

Mike Birskovich, 158, Niles, O., knocked out Jay Paganelli, 160, New York, in the third. Jay was outboxing "Joe Palooka," but got careless and jay-walked into a right hand which stretched him out for the full count.

Buddy Garcia, 133, New York, decisioned Artie Price, 132½, Detroit, in another ten. Garcia won decisively, but Price was troublesome throughout and almost floored his aggressive opponent in the last round with a left hook.

Leroy Koeth, 136, decisioned Gordon Champagne, 136, Detroit, in the four-round opener. Both boys boxed well, but Koeth was the stronger and the harder hitter. Koeth looks like a comer.

Leroy Jackson is back in action after his tonsillectomy. He kayoed Joe Simms of Philadelphia in three rounds and then handed Dave Marsh his first defeat in 15 pro fights. This ten-round feature was crammed full of action with each boy scoring a knockdown. Both bouts were held at Akron, Ohio.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS

By DON HAMILL

BOXING in this state continues to flourish. Hartford, Norwalk and Waterbury promoters have been playing to packed houses. A new club opened up in Hartford to run in competition with Lou Viscusi but got off to a losing start in their lone show so far. The new promoter is Frank Sinatro, a West Hartford businessman, with Leo P. Bradley making the matches for him. The ball park, Bulkeley Stadium, is their battle scene.

Stamford: Mitchell Field—Willard Hogan, 140, Pelham, N. Y., outboxed and outfought Ivan Christie, 134½, Yonkers, N. Y., to win the ten-round decision. Christie was floored twice in the final heat, but was fighting back strongly at the final bell. Jerome Frazier, 150, New York, pulled a win out of the fire by dropping Jimmy Taylor, 152½, Bronx, to win the six-round decision in the semi-final. Mac Campbell, 170, Stamford, won over Phil Bartell, 172½, Stamford, in a four-rounder. Edgar Greenwood, 165, Port Chester Negro, scored over Sal Russo, 172½, New Britain, in a four-round slugging bee. Andre Sarilla, 125½, New York, clowned his way to a four-round win over Ike Lund, 128, Sweden.

Hartford: Auditorium's Outdoor Arena—George "Red" Doty, 155, Hartford veteran, used his experience to win the eight-round decision over young Roy Williams, 152, New York, in a good bout. Despite the fact that both are knockout punchers neither fighter even as much as scored a knockdown. Jimmy Warren, 136, Brooklyn, was extended to the limit in being held to a draw by Harry Diduck, 134, Jersey City, in the eight-round semi-final. Leon Sheppard, 156, New York Negro, repeated over Bat Stroud, 154, Tampa, Fla., Negro, now making Hartford his home. Al Silverman, 139, New York, won a six-round decision over Johnny Bell, 136, New Britain. Billy Corcoran, 165, Manchester, knocked out Val Meecham, 170, Hartford, in the second round of a semi-pro contest. Jimmy Stanges, 122, New Britain, decisioned Pete Carlson, 122, Hartford, in another five-round semi-pro bout.

New Haven Arena—Eddie Compo, 125, New Haven high school boy, won by a T.K.O. when Ralph LaSalle, 123, Puerto Rico, was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round, due to a badly injured maulie. Ernie Cabral, 139, New Haven southpaw, stopped Young Murray, 135, New York, when the latter suffered an eye cut in the sixth round. George Cafaldeo, 133, New York, kayoed Henry Coleman, 137, New Haven, in four rounds. Angelo Ambrosano, 128, Philadelphia, outpointed Joey Dell, 131, New Haven, in six. Frankie Foley, 141, New Haven, won a six-round decision over Leroy Haines, 144, New York, and Don Belita, 135, New York, scored over Jimmy Rogers, 137, Bridgeport, in another six.

Norwalk: Crystal Arena—Dickie Fuller, 162, Norwalk, won a third round T.K.O. over Tony Gillo, 167, New Haven, when the latter suffered a severe gash under his left eye. Joey Albina, 152, Brooklyn, won a close decision over Henry Jordon, 148, Philadelphia Negro, in the eight-round co-feature. Low blows cost Jordon the fight. Leo LeBrun, 125, Montreal, and Sammy Zelman, 125, Bronx, fought in a six-rounder that ended up all even. Jim Carter, 130, New York Negro, scored a close decision over Joey Monteiro, 128, Hartford, in six. Walter Fuller, 170, Norwalk, stopped Dom Fisher, 167, Shelton, in the second.

Bridgeport: Harding Stadium—The Bridgeport Police Department Benevolent Association put on their annual card before 12,000 fans. Ronnie MacDonald, 154, Edmonton, Alberta, put on a fast finish to receive Referee Lou Bogash's decision over Henry Holt, 152, Danbury Negro, in the eight-round feature. Bernie Reynolds, 178, promising Fairfield fighter, was given a soft touch in Joe Peters, 180, New York, whom he finished in round one. George Greytack, 139, Bridgeport, won over Nick Primiani, 136, New York, despite a late rally in a six. George Marino, 145, Bridgeport, won the nod over Hal Robbins, 147, New York, in another six. Tony Vero, 150, Stamford, stopped Aurelio Vasquez, 147, Mexico, in the last round of another six. Jimmy Della, 140, won a decision over Pat Gill, 142, New York, in four rounds.

Hartford: Bulkeley Stadium—Melio Bettina, 193, Beacon, N. Y., floundered to a ten-round decision over Eddie Blunt, 220, New York Negro. The ponderous Blunt pawed away with a heavy left jab as Bettina moved in and fired hard left hands to his head and body. It was a listless affair. Frankie Foley, 139, New Haven, won an eight-round decision over Billy Nelson, 144, Trenton, N. J., in the best fight of the night. Irish Bobby Quinn, 140, Providence, kept swinging until he nailed Lou Jacobson, 139, New Haven, whom he belted out in the third of a sixer. Jimmy McLarnin, 132, New Bedford, won a six-round decision over Jimmy Rogers, 137½, Bridgeport, in a bout that failed to live up to expectations. Jimmy Delmont, 134, Warren, R. I., won the opener from Joey Dillon, 132, New Haven.

Norwalk: Crystal Arena—Joey Iannotti, 125, New Haven, edged out Rocky Progano, 125, Stamford, in their action filled ten-rounder. Progano scored a one-count knockdown in the eighth. Eldredge Eatman, 196, Norwalk Negro, finally caught up with 228-pound Big Ben Ware of New London, to belt the ex-sailor into dreamland in the fourth. Andy Weidner boxing as Micky White, 130, Maspeth, N. Y., received an unpopular decision over Harry Dee, 126, Jersey City, in another six. Eddie Reardon, 131, Hartford, scored over Joey Wasnick, 130, New Haven, in six heats. Joey Freda, 140, Brooklyn, stopped Jimmy Della, 138, Bridgeport, in the first.

Hartford Auditorium—Dom Fiantini, 129, Reading, Pa., punched out a decisive win over game Sammy Zelman, 126, Montreal, in eight rounds. Zelman was on the floor three times in the third. Frank Vigeant, 140, Waterbury, stopped Gabriel Ferland, 142, Montreal, in the fifth after a miserable showing. Tall Leonard Ceaser, 136½, New Orleans Negro, had too much on the ball for Henry Briere, 135, Putnam, and won the six-round decision. Al Silverman, 140, New York, butted Jimmy Rogers, 142, Bridgeport, and was awarded a T.K.O. on the fourth when the latter suffered a cut eye. Augie Brett, 130, Hartford, continued his winning ways by scoring over Frankie Johnson, 128½, New York, in the best bout of the night. Don Quinn, 120, Hartford, took a five-round decision over Tony Terry, 124, Manchester, in one semi-pro bout. In another, Joe DeWitt, 132, New York, stopped a game but mismatched Charlie Hicking, 132, Manchester, in the third round.

Waterbury: Municipal Stadium—Charley "K.O." Chaney, 162, Baltimore, needed just two punches to score his 14th knockout triumph in 16 pro starts in flattening Bob Gorman, 160½, tattooed New Yorker, in 1:28 of the first round. Whistling Willie Roache, 130, Wilmington, Del., scored a ten-round decision over Vince Dell 'Orto, 132, New York, in another of the three ten-rounders that topped the bill. In the third ten-rounder, Ernie Griffin, 175, Hartford, battled to a bruising draw with Coolidge Miller, 174, New York. It was one of the most savagely fought bouts seen in this section in a long time. A rematch was made immediately. Frankie Foley, 141, New Haven, pounded out an eight-round decision over Leroy Haines, 144, New York, in the opening bout.

Bristol: Muzzy Field—Tony Falco, 146, Middletown, banged out a decision over Bat Stroud, 150, Hartford Negro, in eight rounds. Earl Roys, 118, Bristol, chalked up another win by stopping Danny Martin, 121, New York, in five. Johnny Parker, 136, Springfield, Mass., decisioned Allie Wolfe, 132, Jersey City, N. J., in another six. In semi-pro bouts, Don Sullivan, 128, Hartford, decisioned Joe Alano, 127, Springfield, in five, and Spike Blair, 124, Bristol, drew with Don Quinn, 129, Hartford, in five heats.

Stamford: Mitchell Field—Lulu Costantino, 139½, New York, made short work of Danny Stanzione, 141½, Tampa, Fla. Lulu scored knockdowns in the second round before chilling him for keeps in the third. Jimmy Thurman, 144½, New York, kayoed Honeyboy Villa, 142, New York, in three. In another six, Frankie Mask, 180, Pelham, N. Y., punished Herbert Hemsley, 187, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., so badly that he was forced to resign in the third, too. In the opener, George LaSalvo, 135, New York, belted out Gene Dougherty, 137½, Boston, in 1:10.

New Haven Arena—Tomas Beato, 124, Santo Domingo, became the first man to win over Eddie Compo, 125, New Haven schoolboy. Compo had scored 26 consecutive victories before being held to a draw by Beato a few weeks ago. Beato fought at long range and kept Compo missing with his elusive tactics. In the six-round semi-final, Angelo Ambrosano, 127, Philadelphia, drew with his fellow-townsman, Willie Alexander, 128. Joe Sandy, 137, New Haven, decisioned Chris Flowers, 137, New York, in a six-rounder. Lou Langley, 124, New York, outpointed Joe Dillon, 132, New Haven, in a four. In another scheduled four, Dom Fisher, 172, Shelton, halted Young Walter, 169, New Haven, in the first round.

Norwalk: Crystal Arena—Johnny Greco, 145, Montreal, floored Pat Giordano, 147, Brooklyn, three times for nine-counts in the second round before Referee Lou Bogash called a halt. Ronnie MacDonald, 155, Montreal, decisioned Dickie Fuller, 160, Norwalk Negro, in the eight-round semi-final. George Dunn, 128, classy Hartford Negro, held Ralph LaSalle, 125, Puerto Rico, in a six-rounder. Ralph Verdejo, 132, New York, won over Danny Silleo, 128, Stamford, in a four. In the curtain raiser, Ray Shaft, 155, New York, knocked out Lou Cavallero, 152, New York, in the first.

Hartford Auditorium—Nick Stato, 130, Springfield Greek, pounded out an eight-round decision over Al Pennino, 127, New York, to make it two in a row over the Brooklyn boy. Charley Grant, 144, New York Negro, knocked out Teddy Mackin, 145, Hartford, in the second round. Billy Brown, 160, Manchester, managed to beat Ellis Morgan, 154, Hartford, in another six. Billy Kearns, Wethersfield war veteran, making his first ring appearance since his return to civilian life, received a questionable decision over Henry Holt, 153, Danbury Negro, in six rounds. In two five-round semi-pro bouts, Micky Vendrillo, 133, Manchester, knocked out Don Sullivan, 130, Hartford, in the fourth round, and Danny Falcone, 115, Manchester, decisioned Don Quinn, 120, Hartford.

Bristol: Muzzy Field—Earl Roys, 118, popular Bristol battler, had little trouble beating Sal Giglio, 122, New York, in the eight-round feature. Roys kept his left among the features of the New Yorker all night. Earl Caddick, 145, Bristol, redhead, pounded out a decision over Red Cap Cooper, 142, Springfield Negro, in the six-round semi-final. Dolly King, 148, Springfield Negro, and Sammy Rayer, 145, Garfield, N. J., were given the heave-ho by Referee George Proto for not trying. Frankie Wilson, 110, Springfield, decisioned Bob Johnson, 110, Holyoke, in three, and Don Tinelli, 140, Bristol, T.K.O.'ed Sam Rinaldi, 138, Thompsonville, in one round.

Hartford Auditorium — Dennis "Pat" Brady, 129, New York, met a tartar in Steve Kronis, 128, rugged little Greek from Boston. Kronis gave Brady a busy evening but lost the eight-round decision. From the start Kronis beat Brady to the punch and was on the way to win, but tired midway and the Irish lad took over to edge out a win. In the eight-round semi-final, Charley McPherson, 166, New York Negro, proved too big and experienced for Roy Williams, 158½, New York Negro, and won the decision. It was a gruelling close-order brawl. George Dunn, 128, Hartford Negro, scored one-round knockdowns to whip Eddie Smith, 126, New York Negro, in a six-rounder. Bat Stroud, 160, Hartford, stiffened Bob Gorman, 155, Brooklyn, in the second of a six. Pat Vines, 126, Hartford, won a five-round semi-pro decision over Kid Shea, 131, Manchester. In another Don Sullivan, 125, Hartford, stopped Tony Terry, 122, Manchester, in the opener.

Norwalk: Crystal Arena—Tomas Beato, 123, Dominican Republic, continued to raise havoc among Connecticut favorites by taking Rocky Progano, 125, Stamford, into his stride in their ten-rounder. After getting off to a slow start, Beato took the last seven rounds to beat the rugged Progano. Frankie Pucci, 118, Toronto, kayoed Wendell Douglas, 118, New York, in the fourth of a six. Freddy Coppola, 135, Stamford, stopped Lou Daniels, 135, New York, in the third of a six. Tony Pignatore, 137½, Norwalk, knocked out Chris Flowers, 135, Riverdale, N. Y., in the first of another six. In the four-round opener, Jimmy Henderson, 160, Newark, N. J., stopped Walter Fuller, 166, Norwalk Negro.

Waterbury: Municipal Stadium—Eddie Compo, 126, New Haven, outspeeded Joey Iannotti, 127½, New Haven, in their eight-round feature. Compo flicked a left jab into Ianotti's face throughout and beat Joey to the punch time and time again. Art Henri, 186, New York Negro, surprised by kayoing Dula Kovach, 180, Naugatuck, in the second round of the semi-final. Bobby Hicks, 158, Waterbury Negro boy, scored his sixth straight kayo by belting out Bat Stroud, 160, Hartford, in four heats. Al Silverman, 140, New York, racked up his third consecutive T.K.O. win by butting Jimmy Rogers, 138, Bridgeport, in the second of their bout. It was the second time Silverman had beaten Rogers in this manner. Jimmy Stewart, 144, chunky New Haven Negro, scored handily over George Marino, 145, Bridgeport, in the six-round opener.

Stamford: Mitchell Field—Jimmy Taylor, 160½, New York Negro, stayed away from Johnny Rice's vaunting right and as a result managed to get a draw. Rice, 165½, Stamford Negro, missed with his Sunday punch time and again as the running Taylor was out of range. Freddy Coppola, 140½, Stamford, had to be content with a decision win after having Ernie Cabral, 136, New Haven, on the floor innumerable times. It was a six-rounder. Charley Maples, 160½, Stamford, K.O.'ed Arthur Chipman, 160, New York, in the final round of a four. Matt Campbell, 175, Stamford, scored over Petey Diez, 170, New York, in four. Jackie Paris, 165, New Haven, stopped Tommy Young, 165, Stamford, in one. Jimmy Walls, 134, Stamford, drew with Gene Pharr, 132, Norwalk, in five.

Hartford Auditorium—George Martin, 152, Boston, retained his New England welterweight title by stiffening George "Red" Doty, 145½, Hartford, in the seventh round of their bout. Martin got off to a good start and appeared too ringwise for the hard-hitting redhead, but slowed down after absorbing a few of Doty's body blows. Augie Brett, 130, Hartford, looked good in winning over Andy Weidner, 131, Maspeth, L. I., in a six. Jennings Brotherton, 136, Boston, stopped Honeyboy Villa, 135, in the final canto of a six. Jesus Campos, 123, Puerto Rico, got up off the floor to halt Al Girard, 121, Hartford, in the fourth round. Al Evans, 145, veteran Newport Negro, was awarded a T.K.O. when Billy Kearns, 148, Wethersfield, suffered a severely gashed eye in the first round.

This writer is adding Wilbur DeCora, Winnebago Indian heavyweight, and Enos Tebo of the same tribe to his stable. I am also keeping Joe Monteiro, hard-hitting 126-pounder, busy. The address is 250 Saybrooke St., Hartford, Conn.

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WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

ANOTHER club in Claremont, N. H., has started operations and staged the first boxing card this town has seen in more than five years. Prior to this club's opening, boxing came to Dover, N. H., a couple of months ago and is still going strong. That marked Dover's first boxing event in seven years. Now, right up here in the White Mountains region, boxing is coming out of its lethargy after an absence of about five years. The city to apply for a permit from the State Boxing Commission is Berlin, N. H., and the organization is the B.F.D. (Berlin Fire Department) Relief Association. The date is set for September 9 and it is to be an open-air show at the Notre Dame Skating Rink.

Fighters from around Berlin are really making a name for themselves in Maine and New Hampshire rings, but have not, so far, made appearances in their own local town. Such well-known performers as Lawrence (Pat) Dyer, welterweight; Dom Sinibaldi, welterweight; Jimmy Dinardo, lightweight, and Edgar Perrault, junior welterweight, to name just a few, have seen action elsewhere but not locally. Boxing fans are anxious to see them perform and will have that opportunity at the State of New Hampshire's Firemen's Convention to be held in Berlin next September 9 and 10.

Results at Claremont, N. H., were as follows: In the main event, Berlin's Dom Sinibaldi, 141, gained a hard-fought draw over the Negro boy from Springfield, Mass., Dolly King, 146. A rousing fight all the way. The semi-final between Dick Villeneuve, 144, Berlin, and Johnny Parker, 145, another Negro lad from Springfield, ended in a T.K.O. in the third in favor of the Springfield battler to save Dick Villeneuve from further punishment. Another six-rounder was halted in the second round when Jimmy Dinardo, 143, of Berlin, won a T.K.O. over "Red Cap" Cooper, 147, Springfield, Mass.

Other results: Kid Erwin, 148, Windsor, Vt., T.K.O. over Jimmy Stewart, 146, Springfield, Mass., in the fourth of a four-rounder; Buster Martin, 148, Windsor, Vt., T.K.O. over Johnny Hall, 149, of Springfield, Mass., third round of a four-rounder. The show was sponsored by the Oliver Lacasse Post, V.F.W., and it was held at the Town Hall.

Dom Sinibaldi, 155, of Berlin, was stopped in the third round at South Berwick, Me., by Haywood Warner, 161, a Boston Negro pugilist. Frankie Belanger of Quebec drew with Al Smith of Boston. Both boys weighed in at 134.

In the preliminaries, Denny Fogaty of Dover, N. H., beat Kid Roy of Berlin, N. H.; Leo Walsh of Boston and Al Taylor of Portland, Me., slugged to a four-round draw; Young Perrault of Berlin knocked out Buddy Richner of Dover in the initial round.

The fistic presentations at Dover, N. H., in the Granite State Park were well received by fair-sized gatherings. In the show sponsored by the Dover V.F.W., Young Dempsey, 163, of Dover, won a ten-round decision over Don McGrath, 168, of Boston, Mass. In the semi-final, Johnny Heaton, 118, Boston, dropped Billy Constance, 118, Dover, in the second round. Denny Fogaty, 160, Dover, a new fistic discovery, knocked out Ronald Catlin, 169, Boston, in the first round. Young Sullivan, Dover, kayoed Young Peters, Rochester, in two rounds, and Buddy Richner, Dover, stilled Jean Floyd, Boston, in two rounds.

The following week, Lester Rivers, 163, Boston, took a close decision from Roger Wynott, 155, Halifax, N. S., in the ten-round main go of the V.F.W.-sponsored boxing show at the Granite State Park. In the semi-final, six rounds, Al Smith, 131, Boston, won a decision over Johnny Bouffard, 130, Quebec.

The three preliminaries saw Dale Langly of Portland, Me., score a T.K.O. win over Joe Fortier, Dover, in the second round. Buddy Richner, Dover, kayoed Al Simond, Lewiston, Me., in 1:31 of the first, and Bull Turco, Boston, decisioned Tony Pruitt, Lewiston, in four rounds.

Berlin's fight manager, Eddie Desilets, informed the writer that his stable of fighters are seeking bookings in Manchester. His boys are good performers with impressive records. Ed Perrault has seven wins in eight fights. All his victories were knockouts before the end of the second round! Jimmy Dinardo, Cascade battler, is undefeated, having triumphed in eight out of nine fights, the ninth one being a draw. Two other popular members of Eddie's fistic aspirants are Dom Sinibaldi and Pat Dyer.

At this writing Station WMOU, the radio voice of the White Mountains in Berlin, N. H., is making arrangements to broadcast the Firemen's State Convention boxing bouts to be held at the Notre Dame Skating Rink, September 9. For this first time, the main event will probably be the only bout which will be rendered blow-by-blow over the air. Results of the other fights, however, will be given right from the ringside that night. Thanks to General Manager Gerald E. Stetson and Production Manager Bob Fuller, this broadcast will be made possible and brought to fight fans throughout northern New Hampshire as a public service.

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At Manchester fights are still being staged weekly. Here are the results of the last three main events there:

Jackie Harris of Malden, Mass., won a clean-cut ten-round decision over Tommy (Red) Wells of Manchester at the Recreation Center. Harris weighed in at 128, Wells at 133. A crowd of some 900 fans watched the action-packed bout.

Walter Gomes of Fall River, Mass., was put to sleep by Florient Desmarais in the fourth after 2:40 of fighting. The bout was at the Recreation Center.

Another Recreation Center main attraction was the battle between Leo Mucucci, 129, of Berlin, and Midget Mayo, 129, of Philadelphia. Mucucci won the unanimous decision.

Orville Desmarais won the decision over Chuck Jackson. Both boys are from Manchester. Chick Jones, Boston, knocked out Joe Negure, Boston, one round. Geddy Pitts, Grenier Field, T.K.O.'ed Steve Worcester of Manchester, fourth round. Kid Cournoyer, Derry, knocked out Eddie Forrest, Manchester, third round. Eddie Monis, Fall River, won by T.K.O. over Joey Palazo, Roxbury, Mass., third round.

Orville Desmarais, Manchester, won decision over Charlie Kelley of London, Ont. Maurice Belanger, Fall River, knocked out Ernie Brousseau, Manchester, second round. Tony Ferry, Fall River, and Kid Cournoyer of Derry, N. H., fought to a four-round draw. Tommy McGrath of Cambridge, Mass., won the decision over M. Cloutier, Manchester, six. Chuck Jackson, Manchester, and Eddie Gibbs, Fall River, fought a four-round draw. Geddy Pitts knocked out Maurice Belanger in the third round of a scheduled four. Jackie O'Brien, Brockton, dusted off Bob Fontaine of Fall River in 2:45 of the first.

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In closing, the writer desires to announce his coming marriage at Waterbury, Conn., to Miss Laurette Petit of that city, on September 14. After that date the new address will be: "Mr. and Mrs." Ralph G. Peloquin, 788 Fourth Avenue, Berlin, N. H.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

BILL WEINBERG of Boston, and Joe Muscato, of Buffalo, fought a bruising ten-rounder at Civic Stadium on July 29 under the auspices of the Fairview A. C. After being knocked down four times Muscato received the unanimous decision. This was a real "home town" decision, and verdicts unfair to out of town fighters only injure the boxing game and make it tough for promoters to get topnotchers to appear in Buffalo. Weinberg had Muscato on the floor four times and in the opinion of your correspondent as well as that of Bob Stedler, sports editor of the Buffalo *Evening News*, the Boston man won the fight.

In preliminary bouts on the Muscato-Weinberg card, Joey Ferrier, 145½, Toronto, decisioned Junius Woods, 149, Buffalo, six rounds; Talmadge Bussey, 134½, Detroit, knocked out Allie Wolf, 135, New York, second round; Sunny Jim Hampton, 142, Buffalo, drew in six rounds with Billy Seep, 145, Port Colborne, Ont.; Al Baldesino, 137½, Niagara Falls, K.O.'ed Jesse Riddles, 134, Buffalo, third round. Eddie Seres was the referee. About 4500 saw the show.

Joey Maxim of Cleveland captured the rubber match from Phil Muscato in a ten-rounder at Rochester on August 1 . . . . All three officials voted for Maxim, who won by a good margin . . . . The gross receipts were $13,333 . . . . About 500 Buffalonians saw the fight . . . . In prelims, Bobby Dare, Buffalo, outpointed Buddy Rose of Tampa, middleweights; Talmadge Bussey, Detroit lightweight, won from Moe Harvey, Warren, Ohio; Al Baldesino defeated Joey Kushner of Syracuse in six rounds . . . . In two previous matches Phil Muscato had won and lost one with Maxim . . . . City Court Marshal Bob Stark, who was a good boxer in his younger days, died of a heart attack on July 30 . . . . Years back, Stark was a training partner of Warren Zurbrick, who once boxed Frank Erne, world's lightweight champion . . . . Zurbrick, a Buffalo lad, is now in Texas, where he is associated with a farm newspaper . . . . Charlie Pinto, Fairview matchmaker, has fully recovered from the major operation which laid him low for a few weeks . . . . The wrestlers have kept busy all summer in Toronto, Hamilton, Montreal, London and other Canadian cities . . . . Johnny Green and his old manager, Jack Pyne, have parted company . . . . Green is now training for a comeback . . . . According to reports Syracuse and Jamestown will operate indoor clubs during the coming season . . . . Boxing seems to be picking up all around.

AROUND THE TOWN—"Uncle Bert" Finch will do a bit of scouting while on his vacation . . . . Finch is building up a stable for the indoor boxing season . . . . Few preliminary featherweights pack a harder punch than Talmadge Bussey, Detroit featherweight, who is a big favorite here . . . . We're glad to hear that Playfair Brown is promoting again in Toronto . . . . Jack Herman, local wrestling promoter, flew to California for a two weeks' vacation . . . . Ed (Don) George and Jerry Monahan were in charge of the Great Lakes Club while Jack was away . . . . Eddie Tranter, former *Times* sports editor, later director of recreation for the city, is now publicity director for the Erie County Democratic committee . . . . Joe Netro continues to make Buffalo his headquarters . . . . Joe has Carman DeJohn, Ralph DeJohn, Cliff Beckett, Clarence Jones and other scrappers . . . . Netro keeps them all busy . . . . Your correspondent is now editor of the *Sports Review*, a weekly sports paper with a circulation of 10,000 . . . . Joe Baker, former local fight manager, has returned to California . . . . Joe is now an advance man for a circus . . . . Tommy Baxter, former heavyweight boxer, is now a member of the Buffalo Police Department . . . . Tommy is six feet four inches tall and makes a fine looking officer . . . . Charlie Palmer is back from San Francisco after a 15-year absence . . . . He is managing Jimmy Hayden, a likely looking middleweight from the West Coast.

World's featherweight champion Willie Pep, who is a big favorite in Buffalo, scored a knockout over Harold (Cannonball) Gibson in the seventh round. While the knockout might be called technical because Gibson wasn't exactly "chilled," it was Pep's fight from the start with the champ showing amazing speed and punching power.

Gibson, who was no set-up, put up as good a battle as he could and never stopped bobbing up and down and doing his best. He was up against a real champion and knew it. Following the kayo over Gibson, Pep went on to Minneapolis to register another knockout, stopping Jackie Graves in a hurricane bout with numerous knockdowns.

Jack Singer was a bit disappointed with the crowd. Only 4300 paid to see the shindig and Singer probably dropped close to a grand.

Henry Brimm, 160½, whipped Benny Bengal, 165, Detroit, in the semi-windup . . . . Prentiss Hall, 171, defeated Langdon Dennis, 169½, of New York, in six rounds. Dennis gave Hall a hard battle and the decision was close. Frank Bachman, Maxie Rosenbloom's old pilot, was here with Dennis. Allen Faulkner, 150, knocked out George Silvasy, 152, North Braddock, Pa., second round; Tommy Stenhouse, 135, beat Joe Salcone, 133½, third round, stopping Salcone after a hard fight. Gross gate receipts were $7407 with a net of $5560.

Good heavyweight boxers who are free from managerial contracts or alignments should write Hugh Shannon, 144 Wallace Ave., Buffalo, N. Y. A young heavyweight who can punch will make plenty of money in this red-hot boxing center.

Horace (Little Giant) Lefwich: Send me some news of your California fights and I'll publish same in THE RING and also in the *Sports Review*. Your Buffalo friends have been inquiring about your activity.

Anson Green, the Homestead, Pa., heavyweight, will soon get some matches in Buffalo and Rochester. He is again in good condition.

BOXING AND WRESTLING IN EDMONTON AND CALGARY, CAN.
By WALT MARLOW

THE fistic picture in Alberta for the past two months has been a fairly dim one, and will in all probability remain as such, until fall.

Calgary's promoter, Ernie Farr, plans a big winter season. The Edmonton Amateur Boxing and Wrestling Association is all set to go, and by 1947 the Capital City should have some good amateurs.

Jackie Murray, newest edition to the Edmonton Amateur Sports Club, is shaping up as a real comer.

Al Greenberg, Winnipeg, would like to see his boys, George Cote and Wilf Dejardins, appearing on Alberta cards. Cote fights in the middleweight ranks while Dejardins operates in the welterweight division.

Barney O'Connor, local manager, reports having six fighters now under his guiding eye. Gordie Grayston, No. 1 Western Canada heavyweight, heads the list. Jack Berry, Johnny McDiarmid, Dusty Rhodes, George Nazurinko, and Jackie Murray complete the string.

All unattached fighters in or around Edmonton contact Walt Marlow, 10361 98 Street, Edmonton.

Four Tried; Three Failed

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Carnera lasted six rounds with Joe that night, and a crowd of 62,000 saw his game stand. It convinced everyone that Louis was here to stay.

One thing is virtually certain about Louis' next start against an Italian. Tami is almost sure to attract the largest gate an Italian fighter ever lured through the turnstiles in challenging for the heavyweight championship. The record up to now is the $428,000 chipped in by the crowd of 56,000 who saw Primo lose his crown to Baer.

In this one, Tami is fighting practically in his own backyard, and the word is the Bronx will just about call its own national holiday that night to see him.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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admitted that an examination revealed, "a laceration above the eyebrow and another deep laceration involving the lower eyelid and both of these lacerations were of sufficient seriousness to stop the fight."

Yet the board fined Boyle because he took it upon himself to stop the bout!

I wonder what a referee is for! Under the ruling of many state commissioners, the third man in the ring today seems to be nothing more than a puppet.

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Willie Odom, while sitting as a spectator, learned that Julie Bort had become suddenly ill and could not go through his scheduled fight with Tommy Mills at the Queensboro Arena of Long Island City. He offered to take Bort's place. Borrowing boxing trunks and shoes, he jumped into the breach and won by himself. He outclassed his opponent all the way.

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IN Phoenix, Arizona, the Boxing Commission issued an order preventing the scribes from occupying ringside working press seats. The reason? Adverse criticism, especially by THE RING correspondent who had the guts to write what he thought about the conditions in that territory. Perhaps the commission never heard of "freedom of the press."

Overruling referees and dictating to the scribes, is not in line with common sense supervision over the sport.

In that same city, a referee, dissatisfied with the showing of the contestants, warned the fighters and when their lackadaisical performance continued, instead of calling the affair off, walked out of the ring, leaving the fighters without a referee. The commissioner then took action and called the bout a "no-contest" mill.

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At Salt Lake City, the three fighting Lee Brothers, who fight out of Omaha, Neb., appeared in the same ring the same night and each lost. Don Lee dropped a decision to Jack Burke; Bobcat Lee was stopped by Benny Flake in the second and the third member of the family, Billy, was halted in the fourth round by Johnny Baer. They are the kid brothers of Glen Lee, famous a decade ago.

NEWS OF TEXAS RINGS

By BILL DAVEE

GLOVE GOSSIP—The best looking youngster around Texas is Irish Jimmy Curl, San Antonio middleweight, who in making his first ten-round start, gave state middleweight champion Tony Elizondo a hectic battle for the full distance, losing a split decision to the hard-hitting Mexican . . . . Beltin' Ben Johnson scored his 14th straight knockout, again putting the crusher on Amado Rodriquez in six heats . . . . Mario Trigo, popular San Antonio featherweight, has scored quite a hit in California rings of late.

Paul Altman looked better than he has for some time against Kid Filipino, but is far from the boy he was a couple of years ago . . . . Ralph Smith-Bill Williams combine continue to draw well with weekly cards at Houston and are topping the state in gate receipts . . . . This writer, whose promotions have been closed through the hot weather, will reopen San Antonio by the time this appears in print . . . . Tom Attra looked good in knocking out Gil Moore at Dallas.

Results of the month:

At Laredo—Manuel Villalobos, 145, decisioned Juan Sanchez, 145, six rounds; Julio Cerna Rodriguez, 155, kayoed Francisco Garcia Gomez, 150, six; Irish Jimmy Curl, 157, kayoed Tony Garcia, 152, two.

At Victoria—Irish Jimmy Curl, 159, kayoed Larry Trader, 155, two; Ralph Silverman, 154, decisioned Joseph Becka, 156, four; Bert Linam, 152, decisioned Oswaldo Brewster, 147, six; Tom Attra, 171, kayoed Tommy Blake, 170, seven.

At Austin—Jesse Ramos, 130, decisioned Dan Archer, 128, four; Bert Linam, 149, decisioned Bob Moelher, 150, four; Bobby Woods, 141, and Newton Baker, 147, drew in six; Gilbert Garcia, 153, kayoed Billy McGee, 157, one; Bill McDowell, 160, kayoed Jerry Felton, 160, four.

At El Paso—Pablo Zamora, 112, decisioned Armando Aranda, 115, four; Manuel Castro, 130, decisioned Felipe Soto, 124, four; Francisco Dozal, 129, decisioned Vidal Gaytan, 127, four; Briscio Garcia, 151, kayoed Charles F. Mikesell, 155, two; Hector Marquez, 116, kayoed Manuel Soto, 111, two; Ragon Kinney, 184, decisioned Tony Musto, 190, ten.

At Houston—William Wilson, 139½, decisioned Joe Robinson, 136, four; Jimmy Webb, 175, kayoed Jack Pierce, 179, three; Juan Zapata, 134, kayoed Douglas Gibson, 134, three; Gordon House, 134½, kayoed Chucho Angeles, 132, six; Tony Elizondo, 161½, kayoed Al Bernard, 154, eight.

At Houston—George Viramontes, 141, kayoed Jimmy Kaphan, 138, one; Gilbert Garcia, 155, kayoed Pascual Castillo, 151, two; Raymond Serrano, 140, kayoed Newton Baker, 142, three; Eddie Steele, 159, T.K.O.'ed Charles Jerome, 168, four; Sonny Horne, 160, kayoed Agustin Arellano, 165, one.

At Austin—Ollie Brewster, 143, and Larry Trader, 149, drew in four; Johnny Williams, 129, decisioned Jesus Ortiz Martinez, 126, four; Baby Yucatan, 150, kayoed Chango Patino, 150, one; Al Vega, 151, kayoed Dick Daniels, 150, two; Eddie Lee, 130, and Juan Zapata, 133, drew in ten.

At Houston—Roy Guerra, 137, decisioned Robert Ewart, 143, four; Harry Lassain, 130, decisioned Harold Moore, 133, six; Romon Martinez, 134½, decisioned Herschel Wallace, 138, six; Tommy Charles, 167, decisioned Amado Rodriguez, 171½, eight; Kid Filipino, 145, decisioned Allen McCorvey, 147, ten.

At Houston—Jesse Ramos, 124, kayoed Dan Archer, 129, one; George Viramontes, 138, decisioned Thomas Blakeway, 140, four; Raymond Serrano, 139, kayoed Bobby Wood, 138, two; Baby Yucatan, 150, kayoed Eddie Steele, 156, five; Alejandro Vega, 145, kayoed Lou Flyer, 141, six.

At Houston—Harold Moore, 138, kayoed Frank Cockrell, 135, four; George Perez, 131, decisioned Jesse Cherry, 130, four; Romon Martinez, 133½, kayoed Otho Slager, 135½, five; Harry Lane, 139, kayoed Juan Zapata, 133, seven; Augustin Rodriguez, 122, and Pedro Hernandez, 126, drew in six; Paul Altman, 155, T.K.O.'ed Kid Filipino, 147, five.

At Dallas—Abner Bedingfield, 166, decisioned Lee Minor, 150, four; Lee Gunter, 144, kayoed Pascual Castillo, 143, three; Buddy Shumway, 168, decisioned Melvin Walker, 175, six; Hubert Gray, 145, decisioned Bobby Woods, 140, eight; Eddie Ownby, 182, kayoed Gil Moore, 165, two.

At Austin—Freddie Gonzales, 131, decisioned George Flores, 129, four; Bert Linam, 153, kayoed Roberto Estrada, 148, two; Edward Stout, 135, decisioned Frankie Wallace, 140, six; Gene Kelly, 124, T.K.O.'ed Harold Jackson, 122, seven.

At Corpus Christi—Lauro Salas, 122, decisioned Bobby Dykes, 129, four; Joe Amaya, 117, T.K.O.'ed Harvey Stewart, 121, one; Barry Maley, 165, kayoed Pete Abrego, 170, one; Billy Deeg, 150, kayoed Francisco Gomez, 157, four; Tony Elizondo, 162½, decisioned Jimmy Curl, 155, ten.

At Dallas—Bobby Longino, 143, kayoed Clyde Bedingfield, 145, four; Archie Vansickle, 160, kayoed Charles Benson, 163, four; Bert Linam, 150, kayoed Joe Mercier, 147, one; Lee Gunter, 145, kayoed Carl Scarmoda, 150, three; Tom Attra, 168, kayoed Gil Moore, 166, five.

At Austin—Bobby Dykes, 128, K.O.'ed Fidel Carmona, 134, two; Johnny Williams, 130, decisioned Freddie Gonzales, 131, four; Baby Yucatan, 146, knocked out Pelon Garcia, 147, four; Ben Johnson, 170, knocked out Amado Rodriquez, 175, six.

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IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

DAVENPORT, IA.—Matchmaker Bunny Pierce has injected a shot of new life in the boxing sport here. Each show has outdone the previous one. Tommy Campbell, Rock Island 138-pounder, is the big drawing card. Results of the last card which drew an official crowd of 3,872, were as follows:

Tommy Campbell, 138, Rock Island, scored a decision over Bobby McIntire, 140½, Detroit, eight. Billy Bengel, 160, Detroit, shaded Roland Taylor, 160, Des Moines, six. Larry Morland, 138, Toledo, vs. Mickey Wilson, 135, Chicago, ruled "no contest"; bout stopped in fourth round. Howie Blunt, 160, Moline, knocked out Bud Harris, 160, Chicago, one. Charlie Nelson, 132, Chicago, knocked out Bob Williams, 134, Milwaukee, one.

Fort Dodge, Ia.—In an all-star boxing card the fans saw Harry Demery, hard-punching Fort Dodge 140-pounder and former A.A.U. champion, score a T.K.O. over Bob Baysinger of Des Moines, Ia., another former A.A.U. title holder, in the third round of their feature bout. Baysinger went down four times in the hectic battle, twice in the second and twice in the third. Demery scored his victory in 1 minute and 26 seconds of the third round. Other results:

John Valdez, Des Moines, decisioned Irvin Fair, Fort Dodge. John (Red) Connors, Des Moines, won by technical knockout from Vern Horn, Fort Dodge. Bob Jordan, Webster City, decisioned Ollie Buckner, Fort Dodge. Dick Witt, Des Moines, decisioned Dusine Porter, Fort Dodge. Tommy Thompson, Des Moines, decisioned Stephen McCarville, Fort Dodge. Bob Hayes, Fort Dodge, decisioned John Cerky, Des Moines. Melvin Barber, Des Moines, decisioned Russell Ambrose, Fort Dodge.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—Tex Boddie, 192, Omaha, won a slashing ten-round decision over Francisco De La Cruz, 222, Los Angeles, and a former Marine Corps heavyweight champion. Al Gomez, Los Angeles, a stablemate of De La Cruz's, lost in a four-rounder to Paul Martinez, Omaha, while Vince Foster, Omaha, former Golden Gloves champion, made his professional debut by stopping Bob Heath, St. Paul, in the first round. Both are junior welterweights.

Billy Cornwall, Des Moines, had Ted Christie, New York, on the verge of a knockout in the fourth round, but the New Yorker rallied and stayed the six rounds, but lost to the Des Moines boy. Jesse Jackson, Sioux City, decisioned Warren Corbett, Minneapolis, in a four-rounder, and Jackie Burke, Pittsburgh, decisioned Joe Hartfield, Omaha, in six rounds. A capacity crowd saw the program.

Council Bluffs, Ia.—A terrific right landed by Don Lee, Edison, Neb., welterweight, stopped Howard Bleyhl of Madison, Minn., in 1:43 of the sixth round. The results of the other bouts were as follows:

Semi-windup: Tex Boddie, 188½, Omaha, knocked out Sterling Ingram, 194, Denver, Colo., five.

Special event: Del Cockayne, 135, Des Moines, technically knocked out Freddie Taylor, 134, Erie, Colo., four.

Preliminary: Billy Cornwell, 128½, Des Moines, decisioned Freddie Maes, Hollywood, Calif., four.

Preliminary: Warren Corbett, 146, Minneapolis, knocked out Eugene Brown, 145, Omaha, three.

LAST MINUTE SPARKS—On a recent Sioux City boxing card Betty Lowery was named as the Riverview Park Athletic Girl and will be a contestant in the Sioux City Sue contest, which is under the direction of the Sioux City Chamber of Commerce . . . . Max Clayton, popular Omaha boxing promoter, has moved over to Council Bluffs and is promoting with Ralph Hayes . . . . One of the most popular ring officials in the Middle West is Alex Fidler of Cedar Rapids, Ia. . . . . Promoter Roy Warfield's show at Sioux City had to be cancelled because two boxers reported injuries . . . . Remember, mail will reach the writer at 2206 N. Lafayette Street, Sioux City, Ia. . . . . Keep the writer posted on your fights and fighters.

California Prospects

By HARRY WINKLER

RICHIE MENDOZA

THIS is a short story of a good preliminary boxer. Within the next year we will write a long story of a good main-event boxer. This short story is of Richard Mendoza. The long story will also be of Richard Mendoza. It is that certain that the handsome Mexican youth will make the grade. To date, Mendoza is undefeated in 15 professional bouts, winning 13 of them, two being declared draws.

Born in Santa Monica, Calif., October 20, 1923, Mendoza is a real "native son." Although living in a locality where there are numerous amateur clubs, Richie did no boxing until after entering the service. This was in 1943, when, as a member of the Naval Air Corps, he entered and won the East Coast Naval Golden Gloves lightweight title. Mendoza did some other fighting while in the Air Corps at which he was no amateur. Richie had 1200 flying hours to his credit, and was honored with the Distinguished Flying Cross, as well as three Air Medals.

Mendoza is now attending Santa Monica

Richie Mendoza, Mexican lightweight, who is undefeated in 15 bouts.

City College. He is a clean cut, gentlemanly youngster with a winning personality. And to top it off, he is well handled, being co-managed by John Sproatt, a conscientious sportsman, and George Latka, the former clever lightweight, who can teach boxing—and does. So, see what I mean when I predict success for Richie Mendoza? How can he go wrong?

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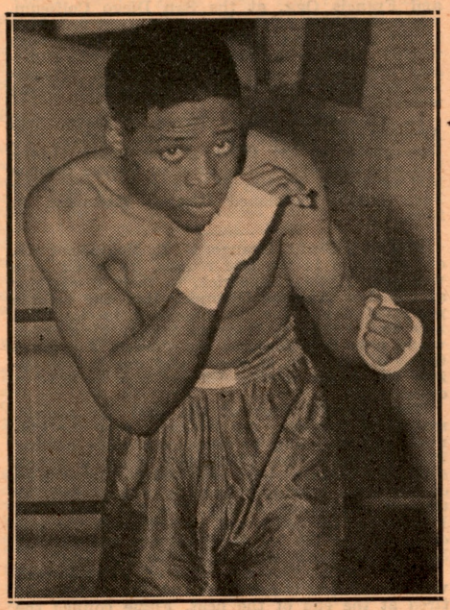
GENE LOUGHRIDGE

REGARDLESS of the calibre of competition, any time an amateur boxer drops but one fight in 52 starts, that boxer is worth mentioning in a special article in THE RING. That is the record that Gene Loughridge, a Negro boy of Texas, has run up in the amateur rings of California.

And the one defeat was not handed to Gene by any "run of the mill" foe either. It required the Los Angeles Golden Glove



Gene Loughridge, Negro welter, who is expected to make the grade.

champion to turn the trick. And now Loughridge is doing fairly well in the professional ranks despite his two defeats. The tall (he is over six feet) Negro clouter dropped a six rounder to Al Calderon and was kayoed in one round by Jimmy Shans. He has had to date 16 pro fights.

If Loughridge never does mount the heights, it will not be for lack of ambition or effort. He is not only a hard trainer and a busy glove-tosser in action, but is also one of the most active scrappers in the Los Angeles area, having engaged in all his 68 contests within 12 months. Gene weighs 147 pounds, but having just turned 19, and being lean and rangy, he figures to be a middleweight within another year. He was born in Dallas, Texas, August 4, 1927. Is co-managed by Max Tempkin, a business man, and Johnny Gray, trainer.

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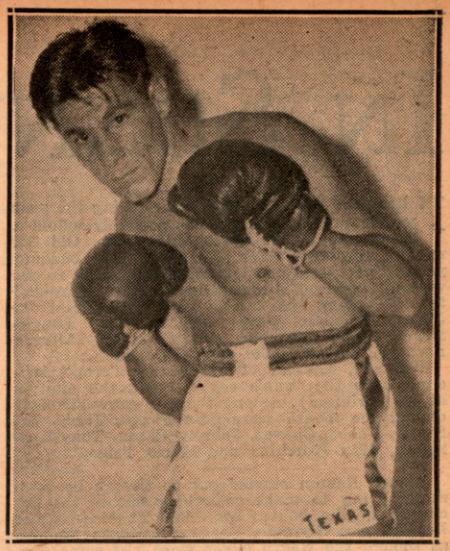
MORRIS CORONA

IF Morris Corona has anywhere near the success as a professional boxer that he had as an amateur, he should become one of our foremost ringmen. Corona was one of the best known amateur boxers developed in recent years. Altogether he has held 24 titles, the most noteworthy being the two Golden Gloves championships won at Chicago, the 135-pound title in 1942, the 147-pound crown in 1943.

In five years of amateur competition, Corona engaged in 130 contests, losing but 11 of them. And while winning State, Southern and National titles, Morris was honored with the Barney Ross Trophy,



Morris Corona, welterweight, who carried the spirit of Texas to California. Has had ten wins, no losses, as a pro.

was elected captain of the Chicago Golden Gloves team, and chosen as a member of the Olympic team. The war prevented the Olympic Games being held, but did not altogether prevent Corona from plying his trade. As a physical director in the Navy, Morris boxed a number of exhibitions, engaged in a few amateur bouts and won the 147-pound title in the 11th Naval District championships at San Diego in 1944.

Corona has had ten professional bouts and won them all, for, to quote, "the Corona of today is as good as the Corona before the war." Morris was born in Louisiana on March 13, 1918, but spent most of his boyhood in Texas. His folks live in Port Arthur, but from now on, says Morris, his home is California. Corona is managed by the affable Tommy Farmer, pilot of Manuel Ortiz, the bantam champion.

AT THE CENTURY A.C. OF BALTIMORE

By DAVE KREUTER

A NEAR capacity crowd of 4,280 fans paid $10,748.50 to see Curtis Sheppard of Baltimore T.K.O. Jimmy Bell at the Baltimore Coliseum. It was a left hook, delivered to Louis's former sparring mate's jaw that caused the Washington boy to hit the canvas at the bell ending the seventh session. Then and there the battle was over. Bell couldn't make the bell for the eighth.

Sheppard gave his best fistic performance and it proved to be too much for the cagy Jimmy. Instead of mauling in and waiting for that one opportunity to finish off his opponent, the Hatchetman sent blows, throughout the fight, to Bell's ribs and midsection.

The best fight of the evening saw Ray Klingmeyer, former Marine, and Little Rup, Washington lightweight, battle to a four-round draw.

In sixes: Gene Jones bested Willie Huff while Al Edwards knocked out Whitey Clark in one.

In fours: Charley Madison won unanimously from Paul Watson, and Frankie Les and Edgar Poe fought to a draw.

Roman Alvarez had just too much for Charlie Milan, local favorite, in their ten-round clash here which ended in a unanimous decision for the former.

The clever New Yorker landed at least three blows to Milan's one throughout the entire fight. If Milan had fought from the outside he might have fared better but instead he kept coming in, and that was just the way Alvarez wanted it.

Milan weighed in at 138¼ while Roman tipped the scales one pound heavier.

In a rough-and-tumble six-rounder, Jim Schwemmer, 195, won a split decision over Red Applegate, 192.

Al Cortez, 159¼, took a unanimous decision from George Williams, 163, over the six-round route.

George Neubeck, 138, piled up an early lead and went on to win a unanimous decision over Melvin Wade, 139½, in five.

In two interesting scheduled four rounders, Joe Poodles, 153, and Bobby Richardson, 139, knocked out their respective opponents, Dick Porter, 156, and Bobby Summers, 137½.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

By HARRY WINKLER

IT has been warm in California during the past month and the hot sun has probably wilted a lot of the tender green things. So, Old Sol may be responsible for so many of our budding young "prospects" not standing up during recent weeks. Among the promising young "sprouts" to wilt during the month were Arturo Barron, Jimmy Coleman, Jackie McCoy, Gene Loughridge, Richie Mendoza, Al Callahan, Alfredo Escobar, Walter Hafer and Al Calderon.

However, not all of our young "crop" succumbed to the "sun's rays" (well, the alibi is at least original). Among those to grow stronger during the month were Jess Flores, Jerry McSwain, Fabela Chavez, Johnny Eaton, Tony Rodriguez, Max Hutchins and Mario Trigo.

Arturo Barron started out as though he were really going to make something out of his big chance in the bout with John Thomas at the Los Angeles Olympic. Barron tore into Thomas as though the Negro boxer were just some preliminary fighter. And the courage and aggressiveness displayed by the Mexican puncher, really made hay—in the first round.

Barron jabbed John with stiff lefts and staggered him with hard rights. Caught by this surprise attack, Thomas was unable to keep Arturo at bay and the Mexican youth backed John into the ropes where he roughed him up. Barron came out in the second with the same determined attack, but the Negro boxer was ready for him this time. Thomas jabbed, blocked, side-stepped and upper-cutted his onrushing foe to have the better of the next two heats, and at the end of the third Barron looked the 1-to-8 shot that the betters had made him.

Barron came out dead tired in the fourth, missed badly with wild swings and was an open target for the sharp-shooting Negro. Thomas hit him with everything in the book and finally put Arturo down for the count with rights to the head, although it was more exhaustion than the punches, that caused the game Mexican to cave in. Thomas weighed 137, Barron, 138.

In the semi, Raul Bustamante, 134, Mexico, won by T.K.O. over Vic Jade, 136, Cleveland, in the fourth. The bout was halted when Jade received an eye cut, although he was also receiving a pasting.

In the four-rounders: Emory Jackson, 158, nodded Johnny Meyer, 156; Pee Wee Swingler, 122, decisioned Chico Gonzales, 130; Phil Cobos, 163, defeated Jimmy Knox, 164; Jay Wall, 154, beat Emerson Brown, 159.

Ben Evans, 146, Oklahoma City, won by a T.K.O. over Tony Canelli, 150, Los Angeles, in the sixth round of their scheduled 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. It had been a clever duel of gloves up until Canelli was cut above the left eye in the fourth round. It bled so profusely during the fifth and in the sixth, that the referee was forced to stop the bout.

In supporting bouts: Al Gonzales, 140, and Lefty Chillo, 143, drew in a four-rounder; Ramiro Lopez, 129, beat Vidal Gaytan, 126, in four; Ray Jiminez, 131, whipped Frankie Martinez, 136, in four; Angel Chavez, 147, nodded Del Campo Provost, 149; Henry Evaro, 118, K.O.'ed Tino Garcia, 119, in two.

There was an atmosphere of old times in the Hollywood Stadium when Speedy Cabanella met Pedro Ramirez in the movie city ring. No less than a thousand Filipinos were there screaming for their countryman, just as they used to scream when Speedy Dado, Ceferino Garcia, Pete Sarmiento and other fighters from the Philippines performed in this same ring. And scream is the proper word. They shriek in a high pitch, similar to the outcry made by the fair sex when a mouse runs into the room.

Cabanella won over Ramirez by a big margin, in a slow moving, but punishing encounter. However, it is this scribe's opinion that Ramirez could have beaten the Filipino handily, had he elected to do so. The Mexican fought either a very stupid, or a very accommodating fight. For eight of the 10 rounds Ramirez fought low down, in close and swapped punches with his short, rugged foe. Only in the sixth and seventh, did Ramirez box erect, move around and punch straight. Those were the two rounds he won. He jabbed and crossed the Filipino at will, made Speedy miss badly and hurt him with sharp upper-cuts. It appeared that Pedro had got wise, or—religion. But, no, Ramirez went back to the old routine in the eighth. (That is what I mean.) Yet, even at this foolhardy style of milling, the Mexican held his own in the final three rounds, having taken much steam out of the Filipino in these sixth and seventh heats. Cabanella weighed 123, Ramirez, 124.

In the semi, Bob Castro, 155, punched out a decision over Roman Starr, 157, tattooed Oklahoman, in an interesting boxer-slugger contest.

Other results: Gene Loughridge, 151, whipped Alex Childs, 150, (4); Billy Mayfield, 153, and Malcolm Smith, 152, fought a draw, (4); Dario Barron, 134, stopped Ray Jiminez, 130, (4); Henry Rich, 163, won by T.K.O. over Wilson Mackey, 157, (3).

On some nights, like a bashful suitor, Rusty Payne is slow to get started. And when the San Diego Negro appears Rusty—there is nothing of his boxing to get excited over, but once he becomes a Payne to his opponents—he is worth the price of admission. (Yes, I know that a pun is the lowest form of humor, but a guy would go nuts writing up so many of these fights, if he couldn't plant a lil' corn occasionally.)

So, for three rounds, the setto between Payne and Francis Ogg, at the San Diego Coliseum, was a very tame affair. Payne came out punching in the fourth and decked Ogg three times with terrific rights to the jaw. The Sacramento gamester was on his feet, but in a dazed, defenseless condition when the bout was halted. Payne weighed 183, Ogg 176.

In supporting bouts: Benny Cordova, 162, Albuquerque, N. M., iced Wilson Mackey, 157, Bakersfield, in the third of the semi; Jimmy Fox and Jose Silva drew in six; George Stamos K.O.'ed Reyes Madero in the first heat; Baby Face Mathis decisioned Ishmael Hannefan in four.

Had Billy Grant, Orange, N. J., Negro, not run out of steam in the late rounds, he would have won over Fitzie Fitzpatrick, in their 10-rounder at the Los Angeles Olympic. Had the referee penalized Grant for his unethical tactics (the rule book refers to them as fouls), Fitzpatrick would have been declared the winner. But, since Grant did run out of steam and was not penalized for rough tactics—the go was declared a draw.

Grant copped four of the first six rounds, mainly by pounding the Irishman over the kidneys, and whipping in upper-cuts while holding Fitzie's head down. Fitzpatrick made a stupid fight by remaining bent over and flatfooted most of the time, making himself a perfect foil for Grant's roughhouse milling. The few times that Fitzie stood up and boxed, he had much the best of it, jabbing the Negro off balance and shaking him to his heels with rights to the jaw.

They mauled like a couple of Greco-Roman wrestlers during the seventh and Grant was dead tired at the end of the heat. Fitzie copped the eighth and ninth with a body attack, and forced Billy all over the ring in the final round. The bout, as a whole was not exciting. And it was the poorest fight that Fitzie has made in this ring. He seems to have lost some of his former ability. Fitzpatrick weighed 169, Grant, 173.

In the semi, Mario Trigo, 131, Mexico, disposed of Chico Gonzales, 130, a countryman, in the second round with a hard right to the jaw.

In the four-rounders: Morrie Corona, 143, shellacked Del Campo Provost, 148; Leroy Anderson, 156, drew with Malcolm Smith, 155; Ramiro Lopez, 127, defeated Mike Barragon, 123; Joe Rocha, 150, and Ray Thomas, 144, drew.

When the Coleman trio perform on the same bill, their act is most always a winning one, but on the night in question, they had to be satisfied with a single victory, two members of the family biting off more than they could chew. Jimmy, best of the three Colemans, encountered considerable class in Kenny Watkins, in the 10-round main event at the Ocean Park Arena, and dropped the decision. Coleman weaved and bobbed well, but Watkins scored often enough with his educated left to pile up a decisive margin. Watkins weighed 162, Coleman, 160.

Spencer Coleman, 157, lost the nod to Wilson Mackey, 160, in four. It was Garfield, 163, third member of the family, who kept Coleman a winning name by punching out a T.K.O. over Johnny Gardia, 166, in the second round.

In three remaining bouts, Charley Johnson, 126, decisioned Ramon Alva, 130, in four; Louis Simon, 150, K.O.'ed Angel Chavez, 148, in the first; Sid Hitchens, 124, stopped Richie Ramirez in the opening round.

Being the first highly-touted Filipino boxer to invade these shores in over six years, there was considerable interest in Speedy Cabanella's U. S. debut. Well, he is no Pancho Villa, Clever Sencio, Pete Sarmiento, Speedy Dado, or even a Star Frisco. And the Speedy is a misnomer, for, he really is slow moving for a bantam. We have many little fellows in our country who can beat him.

However, he is a hard punching, rugged and aggressive little battler. And with the large Filipino population in some of our California cities, Cabanella is sure to be a good drawing card, for, as followers of their fistic heroes the Filipinos are second to none.

The movie city laundries and dry cleaners were busy getting the blood spots out of the shirts and sport jackets of Hollywood Stadium ringsiders after the Bobby Jackson-Roscoe Scally melee. And believe it or not, it was not Jackson's blood either. In fact, Bobby went the distance without suffering an eye-cut. It was Jackson's gloves that spilled the gore in this one. Scally was bleeding so badly in the late rounds that every time Bobby hit Roscoe in the face, the ringsiders were sprinkled with blood.

Jackson made the best fight of his career, the Coloradoan flashing more boxing ability than he had ever been credited with. He jabbed and right-crossed his way to decisive margins in eight of the rounds, Scally being credited with but one heat, the other tabbed as even. However, although one-sided, it was furiously fought and a thriller every minute of the way. Scally continually bored in, flailing both fists, but could seldom land on his fleet-footed foe. In fact, the Pasadena Negro missed as many blows as Bobby landed, which numbered in the hundreds. Both contestants received a great ovation at the finish, Jackson for his masterful performance, Roscoe for his courage and unceasing efforts in spite of terrific punishment. Jackson weighed 128, Scally, 132.

In the semi, Johnny Eaton, 160, hard-punching Negro of Detroit, disposed of Reecy Davis, 153, Texas Negro, in the third round with a stiff right to the body.

In the prelims: Al Calderon, 149, punched out a win over Gene Loughridge, 148, in four fast rounds. It was Loughridge's first defeat in sixteen starts. Bernardo Ramirez, 132, beat Darnell Carter, 132, in four; Wallace Bates, 145, stopped Jess Humber, 146, in the first heat; Bee Jiminez, 123, defeated Sid Hitchens, 126, in four.

In judging a boxing contest, aggressiveness is one of the leading factors in point-scoring, so sayeth the Marquis of Queensberry. Had this instruction been adhered to, the Al Robinson-Sheik Rangel 10-rounder at Fresno would probably have been declared a draw. Instead, Robinson was declared the winner. The Fresno Negro landed the cleaner punches to cop four of the rounds, with three heats tabbed as even. This gave Al a slight lead over the Mexican vet.

The Sheik forced the milling throughout, taking all the chances and making it the exciting fight that it was, Robinson being a counter-puncher. Rangel resorted to some of his rough stuff, which might (as it should) have been considered when the points were totaled.

Other results: Eddie Reed, 215, Fresno, K.O.'ed Bob Ferrell, 207, Los Angeles, (2); Benny O'Neil, 136, Fresno, decisioned Tony Jackson, 135, Los Angeles, (6); Gilbert Gonzales, 125, Fresno, and Joe Mendoza, 120, Bakersfield, drew, (4); Nick Ferolito, 152, Fresno, outlasted Joe Novoa, 146, Bakersfield, (4).

The epidemic is still on! The disaster that has befallen so many of our most promising local talent, is still taking its toll. The latest victim of these upsets was Jackie McCoy of Los Angeles, a 1-to-3 favorite, who was stopped in the first round of a scheduled 10-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena by Dave Hernandez of San Bernardino.

Hernandez stunned McCoy with the first punch landed, a left hook, and quickly followed through with a right to the jaw that put the little Irishman down for the full count. Hernandez weighed 127, McCoy, 125.

In remaining bouts: Freddie Beshire, 191, iced Jess McGowen, 192, in the second; Vince Padilla, 131, decisioned Vince Valenzuela, 132, in four; Clyde Bowman, 170, nodded Johnny Miles, 164, in four; Dixie Fleming, 137, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Chavez, 139, in the first canto; Billy King, 155, stopped Emerson Brown, 159, in the fourth.

Enrique Bolanos is acquiring a "killer" instinct and becoming more shock-absorbing, which means that he is to be a tougher foe to beat from now on, as these were his only noticeable weaknesses. He displayed both assets in his clash with Frankie Moore at the Los Angeles Olympic. Although Bolanos won handily, copping seven of the 10 rounds, it was a sizzler all the way, due to Moore's dangerous punching and the Mexican's display of fireworks.

Realizing his only chance of winning over his fast and shifty foe was by a knockout, Moore went all out for that. And the Oakland Negro did land a few solid blows that shook Bolanos up, but Enrique always came back with a two-fisted attack that more than evened the score. There were no knockdowns, although the Mexican appeared on the verge in the eighth, and the Oaklander almost hit the deck in both the fourth and tenth heats. They fought like demons for the full three minutes in the fourth. Bolanos weighed 133, Moore, 131.

The supporting bouts were all thrillers and had the near-capacity crowd in an uproar all evening. One of the prelims was so good that each battler was presented with a wrist watch and $25 bonus. The survivors of this non-stop beak-busting brawl were Garfield Coleman and Henry Rich, both Negroes.

In the semi, Mario Trigo, 132, Mexico, pulled a surprise in stopping the promising Richie Mendoza, 129, Santa Monica, in the fourth round. Trigo led all the way and had dropped Mendoza for the second time when it was stopped.

Other results: Nick Diaz, 130, beat Ramon Alva, 129, in a four-rounder; Garfield Coleman, 160, outpunched Henry Rich, 161, in four; Phil Cobos, 163, flattened Les Arterbridge, 160, in the third; Billy Mitchell, 138, disposed of Wallace Bates, 141, in three.

Eddie Hudson, 133, San Francisco Negro, was much too good for Alvaro Estrada, 128, Mexico, in their clash at the San Diego Coliseum. But although the frail-looking Mexican lacked the punch, skill or ruggedness to overcome Hudson, his courage and determination kept him in the firing pit for more than seven rounds. Hudson started a body attack in late rounds that left the visitor in a weakened condition. When Estrada was floored and badly hurt in the eighth, Referee Clayton Frye halted it.

In supporting bouts: Nick Moreno, Arizona heavyweight, bested Bop Shipman in a six-round semi: Jose Silva, Mexicali, decisioned Jorge Soliz, in six; Punchy O'Hara won over Joe Cristobal in four. A bout between Alonzo Williams and George Stamos was stopped by the referee and declared no-contest in the third round.

Although Fabela Chavez won over Alfredo Escobar with ridiculous ease in their 10-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium, his showing was far below par. Escobar made the poorest fight of his career and Chavez should have stopped him, and early. Fabela fought only in spurts, but gave his slender rival a terrific pasting during those short attacks. Escobar was credited with but one round, the fourth, when he rocked his stocky foe with some hard rights, both overhand and uppercuts.

Escobar carried the fight to Chavez, but he was off balance most of the time and stumbled around awkwardly. When Chavez loafed, Alfredo landed some of his wild swings, but when Fabela was on the job, he made Escobar look pitiful with his speedy delivery and timely sidestepping. Chavez put Escobar flat on his back with a right to the chin in the eighth and it appeared to be all over, but not so. Alfredo regained his pins at the count of six and fought back like a wounded tiger for the balance of the round. Escobar fought on gameness alone in the final two rounds and receipted for a lacing in both frames. Chavez weighed 132, Escobar, 129.

In the six-round semi, Jimmy Martin, 173, won a close and hard fought decision over Roy Taylor, 171.

The shocker of the night was Jimmy Shans, 143, spilling Gene Loughridge, 149, four times, to win by a T.K.O. in the first round. In other four-rounders: Bernardo Ramirez, 132, and Eddie Sangster, 133, boxed a draw; Billy Mayfield, 156, decisioned Frankie Calzo, 160; Louis Woodson, 141, beat Angel Chavez, 146, in the opener.

Had Al Erwin, 131, Minneapolis, and Chico Garces, 129, Mexico, worn the gloves on their heads, their bout at the Ocean Park Arena would have lasted longer. It ended in the third heat when they collided head-on, cutting Garces so badly that he could not continue. Erwin had been doing all right with his fists in previous rounds, having the Mexican down in both the second and third frames. However, the referee declared it a draw.

In other bouts: Sonny Hill, 138, decisioned Billy Mitchell, 139, in a four-round semi; Joe Rocha, 150, K.O.'ed Lito Perez, 154, in the first; Nick Moreno, 191, beat Jack Glover, 204, in four; Charles Cureton, 135, stopped Jimmy Duval, 135, in the fourth; Mike Barragan, 123, defeated Sid Hitchens, 127, four.

When two hard-hitting guys as big as Johnny Haynes, Los Angeles Negro, and Walter Hafer of Washington, D. C., collide, it is going to be—as Matchmaker Babe McCoy said—very bad, or very good. In this case it was very good, for the Los Angeles Olympic spectators, that is. The brawl only lasted three rounds, but that was about all that Hafer's head and the witnesses' hearts could have taken.

The mayhem blossomed into full bloom in the second when Haynes floored Hafer with a terrific left hook. Walter came off the deck at nine with a sheepish grin, as much as to say, "Well, accidents will happen." But he was wearing his chin exposed and John hooked another left on it to put Hafer back in the resin for another nine-count. Now, Walter knew that Haynes had done it on purpose and the big blond came off the floor mad as a wounded moose, and tore into the Negro giant with a vengeance.

Hafer rocked John back on his heels numerous times. Haynes staggered Walter again and again. They slugged each other silly for two full minutes. What fun! Haynes decked Hafer four times more in the third, but after each knockdown, the burly ex-Marine uncorked haymakers that rocked or stunned the big Negro. In fact, up until the final blow there was the possibility that the blond gamester might end up the victor. However, it was Hafer who was counted out just one second before the end of the third. Haynes weighed 223, Hafer, 206.

After being floored twice and dizzied up numerous times, Acey Hainsworth, 174, came back to deck Frisco James, 176, and punch out the win in the six-round semi. In the other smacking settos, Freddie Beshore, 191, beat Jack Glover, 204, in four; Hardy Williams, 208, was declared the winner in a close one over Nick Moreno, 193; Billy Mitchell, 167, pulled the surprise of the night in stopping Joe Mack, 172, in the first round; Roland Spencer, 174, outlasted Bob Taylor, 175, in the opener.

According to reports, it was a case of "The luck of the Irish" on the night that Jackie Ryan, 150, San Francisco, met Don Lemos, 145, Los Angeles, at Fresno. First, Ryan was lucky to get a draw, and second, he was fortunate to catch Lemos short of good condition. The Mexican had all the better of the first half of the fight, but tired badly in the final heats.

Although Lemos was tabbed as far in the lead at the end of the ninth, Ryan belted Don around lustily in the tenth to catch the eye of Referee Frank Manfredo. It was a fast, interesting setto, in which both boxers suffered eye cuts.

Other results: Eddie Reed, 220, Fresno, disposed of Bob Ferrell, 210, Los Angeles, in just 47 seconds; Frankie Calzo, 161, San Fernando, drew with George Smith, 158, Fresno, in four; Tony Jackson, 136, Los Angeles, iced Herman Sanchez, 140, Fresno, in the third; Lloyd (Babe) Gonzales, 126, Selma, stopped Joe Mendoza, 125, Fresno, in three rounds.

A guy has got to make some kind of an effort, when he is paid to do so. So, Ray Acosta swung a right at Rusty Payne, when they squared off in the San Diego Coliseum. Payne probably figured that Acosta would do more than that for the money, so, Rusty fooled around until the boos of the customers got under his skin. He then whipped a left into Acosta's soft stomach and started for the showers. Ray remained in the ring five minutes longer, however. It required that long to revive him. Payne came in at 184.

Nice going, boys! And when we kill the game, we can blame it on the "long hairs."

In the fights on this card, Benny Cordova, 162, flattened Art Taylor, (2); Reyes Madero stopped Sal Manyez, (1); Beto Arce K.O.'ed Cowboy Provincio, (3); Ernie Woods chilled Manuel Silva, (2).

I am not sure what piece the Hollywood Legion band was playing immediately after the decision of the Baby Gonzales-Eddie Hudson bout was announced, but "Three Blind Mice" would have been appropriate. The officials had voted a draw, but Gonzales had much the better of it. The bout, as a whole, was not so good. The first four rounds were about as thrilling as a quilting party, most of the action being among the crowd, who were stomping for the boxers to do something besides "sweat it out."

Gonzales opened up in the 5th and gave Hudson a pasting, having the San Francisco Negro in a groggy condition. They mixed it up in the 7th and 8th, during which the Mexican again had Eddie on Dizzy Street, and Hudson opened a cut over the Baby's left eye. Hudson tried hard to even it up in the final two rounds, and although he couldn't do it with his fists, the officials did it for him with their pencils. Gonzales weighed 130, Hudson 131.

The most exciting moment of the evening was when some millionaire threw an egg into the ring, hitting Gonzales on the hip. Then hen fruit landing below the belt-line was truly a "fowl" strike. (I'm sorry.)

In the semi, Edgar Robinson, 156, Phoenix, Arizona, added to the many recent upsets by punching out a six-round decision over Al Callahan, 161, San Bernardino. Robinson dropped his foe for a one-count in the second.

In the prelims: Gene Loughridge, 149, T.K.O.'ed Malcolm Smith, 151, in the third; Nick Moreno, 196, bested Horace Thompson, 180, in four; Henry Rich, 161, decisioned Johnny Hunt, 161, in four; Bobby Molina, 115, and Henry Evaro, 115, drew in the opener.

To be floored for nine-counts in both the first and second rounds, and have your left eye closed is excuse enough for any fighter to call it a day. That is what happened to Harry Wills, 184, South Bend, Ind., Negro, in his clash with Bobby Zander, 179, Dallas, Texas, Negro, at the Ocean Park Arena. But not so with Wills. In spite of the handicap, he remained in there with the hard-hitting Texan for the full ten rounds. Harry garnered a few rounds for himself, too, but Zander was too far out in front to be overtaken.

In the semi, Sammy Williams, 132, clever Negro prospect, handed Richie Mendoza, 129, Santa Monica, his first setback in a fast four-rounder.

In other four-rounders: Darnell Carter, 130, decisioned Charley Johnson, 126; Ray Moore, 165, nodded Jimmy Knox, 163; Art Forrest, 150, beat Louis Simon, 149; an opener between Tiger Kingsland, 170, and Jimmy Brinkman, 171, was halted and declared a draw in the first round because of eye-cuts.

The Los Angeles sport scribes were critical of Carlos Chavez for not chilling Petey Virgin of Schenectady, N. Y., in their ten-rounder at the Olympic Auditorium. It is true that Chavez lacked some of his former fire, but who is stopping Virgin? The records show Petey being K.O.'ed but once in four years. The New Yorker is a cutie, who can duck lower than a coal miner, cling closer than a woodtick and tie an opponent up tighter than a mummy.

Virgin was in there to go the distance and he didn't do much more than that. Petey didn't cop a round, although he did break even in two heats. Chavez tried hard to tag his cagey foe, but even a turtle at sleep exposes more chin than Virgin did on this night. Chavez copped eight of the rounds, but a few of them were close because of the Mexican missing so many blows. Carlos sunk some hooks to Virgin's body that hurt the Easterner, but Petey tied him up before Chavez could follow through. The bout lacked thrills because of Virgin's clutching and safety-first tactics. Chavez weighed 127, Virgin 130.

Mario Trigo, 132, socking youngster of Mexico, caused a furor by rocking Dave Hernandez, 128, San Bernardino, to sleep in the first round of the semi. Trigo tore out of his corner to drop Hernandez for a three-count, when Dave arose in a dazed condition, Mario finished him off with a flurry of hard punches to the head.

In remaining bouts: Ramon Alva, 129, bested Nick Diaz, 131; Pee Wee Swingler, 124, decisioned Sammy Andrade, 129; Darnell Carter, 130, nodded Ruperto Garcia, 130; Ramiro Lopez, 129, whipped Phil Williams, 124. All were four-rounders.

Is Rusty Payne becoming a lazy person, or doesn't he like to go home early any more? He most always belts his opponents out in a hurry, but his latest, Kid Hermosillo, remained awake for over seven rounds. For three rounds Payne boxed in a lackadaisical manner and the Keed garnered those heats. Payne started pitching in the fourth, but Hermosillo is a tough hombre and weathered the bombardment.

The postponed ending really happened in the seventh when Rusty sent the Kid reeling into the ropes just before the bell. The Mexican had to be helped to his corner. Payne finished Hermosillo with a crushing right to the jaw early in the eighth.

Other results: Bud Singleton, 157, T.K.O.'ed Benny Cordova, 162, in the first round of the semi; Bob Murphy defeated Frankie Calzo in six; Charles Cureton stopped Jimmy Fox in the fourth; Reyes Madero disposed of Mark Courts in the first heat.

Any unattached boxers contemplating a trip to California, or any manager of fighters wishing representation on the Coast, can receive all information desired by writing Yours Truly.

To you readers who have not received answers to your inquiries, I repeat, that all such inquiries must be accompanied with a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Also, I do not have any photos of boxers, nor the time to write out complete records of boxers. Nat Fleischer has gone to great expense and time to compile THE RING Record Book, which contains the records of boxers and all the important boxing information to be desired. Every follower of boxing should have a copy.

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UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

INTERMOUNTAIN ring fans and promoters were saddened by the death of Del (Hardy) Zesiger of Bountiful, Utah, following a bout on August 5 with Remo Polidori at Derks Field. Physicians said Zesiger suffered a sub-dual hemorrhage which may have resulted from the knockout blow that came in the ninth and final round. It was pointed out that Zesiger could have suffered the hemorrhage previous to the bout, and fans pointed out that the popular boxer's foot and fist work was poor after the opening round.

Among the fans who watched Zesiger, who as a pugilist used his mother's maiden name of Hardy, collapse after 1 minute and 18 seconds of the ninth round was Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion. Zesiger won the light-heavyweight and heavyweight championships at Fort Richardson, Alaska, while serving in the Army. He won his first six professional fights and knocked out Joe Brock of Kansas City in the first round last spring.

Harold Jardine, 134, Salt Lake City, outpointed Johnny Candia, 133, Ogden, in the semi-windup. This boy Jardine exhibited a straight left hand that was terrific. Candia, an old-timer in the fight game, gave and took and put up a good scrap.

The best of the preliminaries was the fight between Frankie Walker, 144, Ogden, and Chick Moriarty, 145½, Salt Lake City. This was a definite crowd pleaser as these two battlers blasted away at each other all of the way. Referee Pete Giacoma stopped the fight in one minute and 46 seconds of the second and gave the T.K.O. to Walker because Moriarty was bleeding badly from a cut above his left eye.

Neil Wararth, 134, Ogden, decisioned Buck Kenny, 135, Salt Lake City, in a four-rounder. This was the first pro fight for Wararth.

Matt Jackson, 158, the clever Salt Lake Negro boxer, knocked out Al Romero, 155, the unorthodox fighter, in 55 seconds of the first round with a terrific right hand to the midriff. Jackson looks better every time out.

The curtain raiser went to Tommy Davis, 120, 14-year-old scrapper, by a T.K.O. in one minute and 58 seconds of the second round over Mouse Kramer, 123.

RIGHT FROM MEXICO CITY

By SELSSO TIBORRO

TWO championship bouts were staged in Mexico City during the past month, one being between featherweights and the other between lightweights. All the fights were staged in El Coliseo and the results were as given below:

Aurelio Cruz, 133, decisioned Victor Flores, 130, in ten. Babe Zaragoza, 114, decisioned Aztequita Orizabeno, 115, in ten.

Leonardo Lopez, 121, recently crowned featherweight champion of Mexico, won the decision over Ernesto Aguilar, bantamweight champion of Mexico, in a 12-round fight for the feather belt, thus retaining the title. The decision was not very popular, the majority of the public believing the winner had been Aguilar. Our opinion is that Aguilar won. In the semifinal, Filio Prado, 129, kayoed Miguel Uribe, 135, in the seventh of a ten-round event. Prado had floored Uribe three times before the K.O. occurred.

Enrique Cardoso, 133, kayoed Villita de Juarez, 132, in two in the main event and Anastacio Pena, 115, decisioned Horacio Gaona, 116, in ten.

Kid Azteca, 148, welterweight champion of Mexico, T.K.O.'ed Joe Keys, 145, American Negro, in four in the main event while Saul Torres, 133, T.K.O.'ed Pedro Ibarra, 132, in four. The show ended in a riot. Between the third and the fourth rounds, while resting, Keys claimed that some strange matter got into one of his eyes and that he could not continue fighting. This started it. Some sections of the public did not like the decision, they became wild and as a result the building was considerably damaged. Because of this there were no fights the following Wednesday.

Tony Mar, 134, decisioned Carlos Malacara, 133, lightweight champion of Mexico, in 12 rounds, thus becoming the new champion. Luis Torres, 142, decisioned Kid Filipino, 144, in ten and Saul Torres, 133, kayoed Tino Leon, 135, in the third round of a ten-canto event.

Enrique Cardoso, 133, kayoed Filio Prado, 133, in the third round of the main event which was staged at ten. Eduardo Serratos, 125, decisioned Manuel Rivera, 128, in ten.

Monito Flores, 113, decisioned Luis Reyes, 114, in ten. Jose Luis Perez, 133, decisioned Tony Guadalajara, 133, in ten. Kuko Ortiz, 116, decisioned Babe Zaragoza, 113, in ten.

IN CHICAGO

With GENE ENGEL

BOXING in the Windy City has taken a big splurge. Three weekly clubs have been competing on a weekly basis.

Booker Beckwith, Gary, Indiana, 180-pounder, is back with a bang. Booker jabbed his way to an easy victory over Nate Bolden in six rounds at Ben Zenoff's Rainbow Fronton. Beckwith opened an old cut over Nate's right optic which bled profusely and prompted the referee to halt proceedings.

Jimmy Fields, Boston, Mass., middleweight, stopped George Riley of Detroit, Mich., in two rounds. Tommy Varos, Milwaukee, Wis., welterweight, dropped Joe Buford to the canvas for keeps, in two heats; Ernie Hoffman, local featherweight, stopped Carleton Ayres, in three frames; Eddie Lewitske conked Sammy Wilson in one round, and Charles Nelson won from Abner Irving on disqualification. The gate grossed $3364.92.

Buddy O'Dell, Amsterdam, N. Y., middleweight, who is a law student at Chicago's Thornton Junior College, won a terrific match from Otis McGraw, Negro middleweight, from the "Wolverine" state. McGraw held a comfortable lead in the first four rounds of their eight-round conflict but O'Dell came along nicely to put Otis away for keeps, in 2:55 of the eighth.

Willard Coffy, formerly of Washington, D. C., a lightweight, and Charley Baxter of Cincinnati, Ohio, battled five rounds to a draw.

Charley Busalacchi, promising Milwaukee welterweight, took Whitman Barres, Cincinnatian, in stride in one heat.

Billy Sullivan, Chicago Negro, 190-pounder, kayoed Benny Colson of Cincinnati, in two and Herman Mills, Chicago Southside lightweight, won over Clarence Ross of Coffeyville, Kansas. This was a Marigold Garden headliner.

Ray Powell, Hawaiian lightweight champion, is in town and ready for action—Powell won the Islands' title by virtue of his 12-round triumph over Clever Henry, dethroned champion, at the Auditorium.

Johnny Bratton, skilful lightweight contender, ran into a Tartar in Bill Eddy, promising lightweight of Flint, Michigan, but won a tough battle in ten rounds. The decision at the end of ten rounds went to Bratton, but the plaudits were extended to Eddy, who more than proved his pluck.

Tom McVey, Philadelphia heavyweight, beat Todd Tate, Chicago heavy, in a terrific uphill six-round battle.

Eddie Lewitske, Milwaukee lightweight, stopped Gordon Champaigne, Detroit, in round three; and Ray Barnes, Detroit welter, scored over Edgar Johnson of Chicago, in four rounds. This card was presented at the Rainbow Fronton. Other results were: Tommy Lewis, Chicago, defeated Ted Busse, Detroit, (4), 142-pounds; and Lee Gibson, Chicago, and Bob Reed, Detroit, drew in four rounds—middleweights.

Correction—Larry Amadee, and not Fred Irvin, as previously reported in my column, is the matchmaker for the White City Arena.

And at this arena Bob Foxworth, much-heralded amateur light-heavyweight champion, emerged with his second pro win by handing Jack Hill an eight-round drubbing. Hill didn't win a round.

Jesse Yarber, Chicago lightweight, defeated Butch Maxwell of Gary, in six rounds. They were semi-finalists.

Todd Tate stopped Elmer Holt, Bloomington, Ill. (2), heavyweights; Jim McDonald knocked out Columbus Mitchell, one round; William Coleman ended his bout with Speedy Williams in one round; Caesar Cooper put the dampers on Joe Buford in one frame; and Jess Gulley, Chicago, and Horace Wilkins, Chicago, drew (4).

Promoter William Red Saunders of White City, is having his new boxing arena in the process of construction now and hopes to be able to have it completed this fall. The location is at 47th St. and Cottage Grove Ave.

Nick Castiglione, Westside Italian lightweight, drew with Art Andrews, courageous Negro lightweight from Gary Ind., in eight rounds. Nickie dropped Andrews with a timely right hook for a nine-count in the fifth frame but couldn't keep him down. And in the ensuing rounds, Castiglione tired perceptibly and Andrews gained strength sufficiently to gain a draw.

Leon Thompson, Evarts, Ky., pounded out a hard-earned victory over Harold Alle of St. Paul, Minn. They fought five rounds.

Georgie Adams knocked out Tommy Hudson, Detroit featherweight, in two rounds; Ray Barnes, another Detroiter, scaling 148-pounds, defeated George Feltes of Milwaukee, in five rounds; and Speedy Williams, Chicago middleweight, won over Jimmy Crow, Danville, Ill., in a hot scuffle to open the program. Four rounds.

Anton Raadik, 1939 European Golden Gloves Champion in the middleweight division, scored his fourth consecutive United States knockout victory when he chilled Collins Brown in three rounds at the Rainbow Fronton.

Gene Spencer, veteran South Chicago lightweight, surprised partisans of Danny Robinson when Gene took down a split decision over the swarthy Southside 138-pounder at the White City Boxing Club.

Robert Fowler won the semi-windup attraction of six rounds, defeating Jimmy Pryor, Gary welterweight, in a peppery match.

Alvin Gomez, lightweight, knocked out Herman Mills in four rounds of a sixer; Jesse Gulley, Memphis middleweight, and Caesar Cooper, Chicago, battled four rounds to a draw; Todd Tate won over Columbus Mitchell, four rounds, heavies; and Bill Coleman, Chicago middleweight, and Bishop Murphy, drew.

Over at the Marigold Gardens Arena, Robert Simmons, Indianapolis, Ind., welterweight, had too much on the ball for stout-hearted Tony Motisi who was engaging in his first contest since his discharge from service. This was an eight-round headliner.

Tommy McVey, Philadelphia, Pa., heavyweight, stopped Al Sheridan in his Chicago debut, in four rounds. Sheridan is from Indianapolis, Ind.

Charles Busalacchi, ex-Golden Gloves 147-pound sectional winner from Milwaukee, knocked out Jerry Martin of Cincinnati, Ohio, with one powerful right cross that was a beaut. It was Busalacchi's sixth straight knockout triumph.

George Feltes, Milwaukee middleweight, conquered Speedy Williams in five rounds and Butch Maxwell, Gary, Ind., featherweight, defeated Willi Scott, also of Gary, in a pleasing four-round curtain-raiser.

Another Marigold headliner involved Chuck Hunter and Jackie Cooper. Hunter, a good puncher and fair boxer, won the unanimous eight-round decision.

Caesar Cooper, brother of Jackie, weighing 149 pounds, stopped Jimmy Pryor of Gary, in two rounds, and Mickey Wilson, Chicago 144-pounder, found Johnny New for the mark in a pair of rounds.

Charles Lester, Cleveland Golden Gloves product, made his pro debut here and won a bristling contest from tough Tommy McVey, and Teddy Weems, Chicago 131-pounder, achieved the victory laurels over Al Salazar of Denver, Colorado, in four rounds.

Attention: Fighters with proven fight records of the past and present, interested in a successful fight career, contact Gene Engel, 2121 East 68th Street, Chicago, Illinois. Enclose a fight photo, newspaper clippings and your complete won and lost record in your reply.

Correction to Record Book

Page 314. September 12, 1945, Joey Fontana, New York, change lose 8 to win 8.

IN BRITISH GUIANA

By COMPTON SANTOS

IN a disappointing contest at the B.G.C.C. grounds, Georgetown, Hilton Denny relieved George "Stinging Ant" Fraser of his featherweight crown. Both boys suffered knockdowns, Ant in the first frame, and Denny in the seventh. The new champ weighed 122¾, to the Ant's 124½.

Al Davis, 159, with an eight-pound advantage, scored a close decision over Frank Saul in the six-round semi-final. Hurricane Kid, 121, was declared winner over Young Jensen, 119, in four. Al Reid lost to Young Parris in three rounds. Each scaled 135.

Young Joe Louis, B.G.'s welterweight contender, made quite a name for himself in the Island of Barbados by taking into camp his second victim in as many starts there. This time it was middleweight Joe Nelson, whom he K.O.'ed in the sixth session at the Yankee Stadium, Bridgetown. The weights were Louis 148, Nelson 158.

At the Mucurapo Stadium, Trinidad, Young Tanner of B.G. dropped a hairline decision to Kid German of Barbados in ten rounds. Tanner at 136½, had a two and a half pound pull in the weights. In the other ten-round bout Fighting Bailey beat Al Tunney. Bailey is the lightweight champ.

Young Joe Louis extended his winning streak in Barbados to three straight by taking into camp the island's current middleweight king, Speedy Kid, at Bridgetown. Joe tipped the beam at 152, conceding seven pounds to the Kid.

It was a battle of the Ralphs at the Yankee Stadium, Bridgetown, Barbados, when B.G.'s Joe Ralph met the Brimshire lad, Kid Ralph, and the Kid won on a foul in the fifth. Both boys scaled 135.

The six-round semifinal saw Young Tony Galento, 136, and Young Leon, 134, rough it out to a draw, while Kid Lawrence, 148, took the measure of Battling Mike, 146, in one of the four-rounders. The other four-round preliminary resulted in a peaceful draw, between Fearless Colin, 121, and Kid McCoy, 125.

The vacant throne of the middleweight king of British Guiana was again occupied after some six years when Tiger Jack Johnson outclassed Len Houston at the G.F.C. grounds, Georgetown. Houston, our current welter champ, came in at his lowest weight yet for this event, 142, while the Tiger scaled 156, and used that 14-pound advantage to good avail. Len was dumped twice in the very first heat and twice more throughout the 12-round tilt.

In a six-round slugfest Tommy Dale came from behind to earn a popular verdict over Hurricane Kid. Dale at 116, had a pound on the Kid.

Duncan Blair, 138, also came out of the heap to steal the honors from Leslie Moore, 131, in a three-round bout.

The opening bout on the card was a rough-and-tumble four-rounder, between Kid Singh and Pat Hyman. The former was knocked out of the ring in the first round but came back strong to gain a draw. Both lads weighed 121½ pounds.

In his initial performance in Trinidad, Rafael Lastra, 133, Cuba's leading contender for lightweight honors, beat the Barbadian champ, Kid German, over ten rounds only to hear the decision announced as a draw. The Cuban boxed beautifully all the way and all but K.O.'ed the Kid in the sixth frame. At 133 pounds, German moved faster than in recent bouts.

Another unpopular decision was rendered in the other ten-round feature when Trinidad's Bull Gilkes was awarded the duke over Barthelmy Serge of Guadeloupe, in their middleweight tussle.

Gunner Brathwaite, the welterweight policeman of Barbados, lost an eight-rounder to Easy Boy Francis of Trinidad. In a shifty bantamweight contest opening the program, Al Simms scored over fleet-footed Kid Salandy.

At Skinner Park, San Fernando, Trinidad, Carlos Perez romped off with a ten-round decision over Trinidad's Baba Adams. Adams, weighing 174, had a eight and a half pound edge. Fighting Bailey, lightweight contender, beat Lawrence Assam in ten rounds. Tiny Jules, 119, beat Kid Salandy, 117, in four rounds. Dennis Romain and Eddie Polo fought a four-round draw.

Hankin Barrow, clever welterweight from British Honduras, made an impressive debut at the Mucurapo Stadium, Trinidad, when he battled the highly regarded Kid Dinamita to a draw in 12 rounds. Barrow scaled 145, to the Kid's 146.

Venezuela's Kid Avendano, 144, was disqualified in the third with Easy Boy Francis, 142.

Francisco Gonsalves beat Mac Mitchell in four.

Bob Lincoln, 146, K.O.'ed Hammy Linton, 145, in the bout 25 seconds later.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

SAN FRANCISCO'S prize heavyweight, Pat Valentino, is nearing his pre-war peak as an outstanding battler by knocking out Doug Ellison, clever Oakland Negro, in the sixth round at the Coliseum Bowl. Weights were Valentino 184, Ellison 187.

Preliminaries: Levi Bryant, 190, fine-looking Negro heavy, upset the dope by winning an unpopular decision over Willie Brown, 188, Negro slugger, in six rounds.

Alex Amador, 135, won over Felix Bueno, 136, in four; Rudy Salazar, 144, stopped Ralph Cedars, 138, in four; Billy Genova, 129, knocked out Gene McLaughlin, 129, in four.

Lorenzo Safora, Cuban bantamweight, won a decision over Mickey Quack, Pittsburgh youngster, in ten rounds at San Jose. The fight was exciting and close. The Cuban scaled 120, Quack, 121.

Jimmy Sherrer, classy Milwaukee Negro, has taken the coast by storm and his decisive victory over Lincoln Stanley, veteran Oakland battler, made a big hit with the local fans at the Oakland Auditorium. Sherrer flattened his rugged opponent in the tenth and final round after battering him handily for nine sessions. Weights were Sherrer 146, Stanley 150.

In a supporting ten, Tommy Garland, Culver City blond, made his northland debut by winning an unjust decision over Jack Hannon Porter, young Oakland Negro, in a not too exciting bout. The nod was loudly booed and justly so. The weights were Garland 181, Porter 175.

Other Results: Alex Amador, 135, outpointed Felix Bueno, 135, in four; Ernie McDonald, 207, won over Johnny Ebarb, 182, in four; Wayne Sheppard, 131, went to a draw with Parker Stewart, 131, in the opener.

Promoter Frankie Scaler put on an all-star preliminary show at National Hall. Scaler, in using prelim boys, was building for future headline material.

In the feature, Paul Guerrero, 138, San Jose youngster, won the nod over Babe Picazo, 135, local Italian, in six-rounds. Other results: Hammo Kazarian, 135, Tony Olivera's protege, rung up another kayo win by halting Henry Woodward, 143, in two. Billy Gideau, 145, kayoed Ray DeLora, 139, in one. Bobby Wyman, 149, stopped Cy Perkins, 151, in two. Bobby Jones, 150, kayoed Bill Thompson, 155, in one. Wayne Sheppard, 129, outpointed Johnny Jurs, 133, in four.

Tony Bosnich, fast-stepping local heavyweight, shellacked Harold Blackshear, Negro veteran, handily to win by a knockout in five rounds at the Coliseum Bowl.

This was a rematch with Bosnich repeating his win only a lot more easily and impressively. Weights were Bosnich 190½, Blackshear 210.

In the semi-final, Sal Perea, who formerly fought under the moniker of Young Salvadore, 149, badly battered Mickey Gimmell, 149, Guido Giometti's Indian-Irish lad, to win by a kayo in six rounds. It was Gimmell's first kayo defeat. Gene Brown, 150½, kayoed Charley Graves, 147, in two rounds. Eddie Grantano, 153, flattened Tony Castro, 160, in the first.

The hometown pride boy, Henry Paz, veteran lightweight, slugged his way to a knockout win over Jackie Romero, Sacramento youngster, and one of the fighting Romero brothers, in three rounds at the San Jose Civic Auditorium.

Paz, scaling 137, won rather handily over his tough opponent. Romero weighed 133.

Making his first fight in the Bay area after his discharge, Frankie Gimbel, middleweight crowd-pleaser, was laced badly by popular Paul Lewis, veteran Oakland Negro, and dropped the ten-round decision at the Oakland Auditorium. Lewis weighed 159, Gimbel 159½.

In the semi-windup, Paul Blanks, 152½, New Orleans Negro, surprised in stopping Ran Jackson, 160, Los Angeles Negro, in four rounds.

Vepe Watson, 152, drew with Bobby Davis, 149, in four. Boykin Bourgoise, 137, drew with Babe Picazo, 135, in four. Rudy Salazar, 141, won over Bob Meredith, 139, in the curtain-raiser.

The boxing editor, Al Barbour, sensational young Irish boy, put away the pen for the gloves and worked a lot less as he subdued Jimmy Simmons, veteran prelim battler, in the first round of a double main-go at National Hall.

Barbour easily put away the Vallejo Negro early in the opening session. Barbour scaled 157, Simmons 151.

In the supporting headliner, Johnny Ebarb, Oakland heavy, surprised the betting boys, who made him an underdog, by knocking out Gil Lowenstein, newcomer from Honolulu, in four rounds.

Lowenstein came here highly touted and was doing nicely for two rounds, but ran short on gas and was easy prey for the Oaklander. Ebarb scaled 184, Lowenstein 175.

Other Results: Smiley Burnett, 173, stopped Chuck Hammond, 169, in three rounds. Hammon Kazarian, 135, kayoed Joe Kelly, 137, in two, Bobby Davis, 147, outpointed Ward Jenkins, 146, in four.

Louis Bell, New Orleans Negro, turned out to be better than expected by winning a decision over Bobby Castro, Los Angeles Mexican, in ten rounds at the Coliseum Bowl. Bell weighed 148, Castro 151.

In another tenner, Jerry McSwain, 185, Florida Irish boy, made a tremendous hit by outclassing Willie Brown, local Negro, in a fast fight. Brown, weighing 184, couldn't keep his onrushing foe off. McSwain kept pouring leather from the start and won rather handily. Brown should not be discouraged as he is young and has had only about a dozen scraps. Fans want to see more of the Irish youngster.

In the fours, Bobby Wyman, 148, drew with Willie Mayberry, 148, in a good bout. Bob Meredith, 138, went to a draw with Felix Bueno, 138, in the opener.

Juan Leanos, newcomer from Mexico, surprised the many fans by winning the decision over Lorenzo Safora, Cuban featherweight, in ten rounds at San Jose Civic Auditorium.

Leanos, weighing 127, is in line for bigger and better bouts off his win here. Safora weighed 126.

Dencio Cabanello, Honolulu Filipino, made a hit with Stockton fans as he won by a knockout over Charley O'Kelley, 151, in seven rounds at the Stockton arena. Cabanello, 149, was in the best of shape for this scrap. O'Kelley scaled 151.

Chester Slider, Fresno flash, boxed his way to a ten-round decision over Vincent Villavicencio, tough Mexican, in the headliner at the Oakland Auditorium. Slider, weighing 150½, spotted his foe nine pounds.

In the semi-final, Tim Heffernan, 190, local Irish crowd-pleaser, won a close pier-six brawl from Ernie McDonald, 207, Los Angeles, in six rough rounds. Many booed the nod, but this corner thought the decision was justified as Tim had a shade the better.

Paul Blanks, 158, went to a draw with Eddie Halligan, 158, veteran making a comeback, in four rounds. Larry Carter, 158, hard-hitting Negro, won over Ran Jackson, 161, in four. Ray Stevens, 198, made his pro debut a success by kayoing Cecil Oliver, 184, in one round.

Up and coming local lightweight, Tony Rodriquez, quickly becoming a drawing card, repeated his win over Tony Becerra, Mexican gamester, in easier fashion by scoring a ninth round knockout at the Coliseum Bowl.

Rodriquez had previously decisioned his opponent. Becerra receipted for a lacing until being put away by the young sensation. Rodriquez scaled 134½, Becerra 130½.

In a supporting ten, Sal Perea, stablemate of Rodriquez, won a decision over Dencio Cabanello, Filipino welter, in a good battle. Each weighed 150.

Another Sid Flaherty battler, Buddy Jacklich, making a comeback, kayoed Joe Guzman, 130½, in the first. Jacklich, Mission district Golden Glove graduate, put Guzman down four times before the latter would remain there. Jacklich scaled 132½. In the opener, Bobby Wyman, 148, stopped Bob Wilson, 150, in two.

One of the biggest upsets of the season came when Jack Hannon Porter, Oakland Negro comer, decisioned the highly touted Pat Valentino, long Bay area's best heavy, in ten rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

The decision was close and disputed; many thought Pat's infighting overshadowed Porter's heavy hitting. A rematch is a must. Weights were Valentino 183, Porter 176.

In the semi-final, Bobby Farris, 151, battered Al Calderon, 150, Los Angeles Negro, into submission in five rounds. Maxie Ankele, 140, won over Bob Meredith, 144, in four. Wayne Sheppard, 130, outpointed Johnny Jurs, 135, in four; Joe Duarte, 150, won on a disqualification over Phil Smith, 154, in three.

Fred Pearl, Capitol City promoter, presented an outdoor boxing card at Sacramento's Edmonds Field. The feature attraction had Luis Castillo, toy bulldog from Mexico, who gained the California state bantamweight championship by decisioning defending title-holder Tony Olivera, San Francisco Portuguese, in 15 rounds.

Castillo came fast in the latter rounds to upset Tony's fine boxing and win the nod. Weights were Castillo 117, Olivera 118.

Promoter Frankie Scaler brought two top-notch welterweights into the Civic Auditorium, but forgot to get the fans there too, and because of this, only a little more than $3,000 was cashed into the till. Ray Brown, hard-hitting Negro welter, scored a fifth-round knockout over O'Neill Bell, highly touted Detroiter. Brown scaled 142½, Bell 145½.

In another ten-rounder, Chuck Crowell, 240, Los Angeles giant, won on a technical knockout over Al Ware, 216, rotund Oakland slugger, in six hectic slugging rounds. The boys really let the fur fly and the fans enjoyed the hard-punching battle.

Other Results: Georgie Duke, 158, Petaluma pleaser, won the decision over Gene Cartwright, 156, in a close six-rounder; Hammo Kazarian, Golden Glove graduate, continued his kayo wins by stopping Ted Jenkins, 144, in three.

Promoter Benny Ford also brought a good card into Civic Auditorium, only he used home town material and cashed in on more than $8,000. In the top spot, Vic Grupico, North Beach Italian southpaw, won every session and an easy ten-round decision over Jimmy Joyce, Eastern Negro, in a one-sided contest. Grupico weighed 138, Joyce 135.

In the co-feature, Jesse Flores, classy Stockton lightweight, remained unbeaten by scoring a decision over Eddie Prince, rugged Negro crowd-thriller, in a fast-action bout. Flores displayed plenty of ring savvy as well as boxing beautifully to win from the ever-swinging Prince. Ford now has two lightweights in Grupico and Flores to headline his future shows.

In a slugging-bee sixer, Tim Heffernan, 187, local Irishman, battled to a rough draw with Johnny Ebarb, punch-absorbing Oaklander, after piling up an early lead. Both boys were exhausted at the finish as they gave their all.

In the opener, Julius Menendez, 151, a dandy prospect, won handily over Norbert Smith, 157, Negro, in four.

Tony Chavez, crowd-pleasing gate magnet, won a hard-fought decision over Wilford Scott, Los Angeles youngster, in eight rounds at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. Each scaled 138.

Other Results: Billy Gibson, 130, surprised by kayoing Ramon Alva, 128, in three rounds. Emory Jackson, 158, Los Angeles Negro, decisioned Duane Everett, 158, in 6 rounds. In the opener, Felix Bueno, 136, T.K.O.'ed Sal Sanchez, 135, in the first.

Short on big-name talent, Matchmaker Jimmy Murray presented a triple ten-round card at the Oakland Auditorium. In the top feature, Frankie Moore, popular local Negro, gained a hard-fought decision over Al Medrano, 133, Los Angeles Italian, in a spirited contest.

In the second feature, Lorenzo Safora, 121, Cuban bantamweight champ, and Billy Gibson, 125, Frisco's crowd-pleaser, engaged in a war that had the fans cheering. The end came after Safora landed solidly and knocked the Negro lad cold in the fifth round. Up to the finisher, Gibson gave more than he received and was out in front on points.

In the curtain-raising ten, Jimmy Brooks, 156, formerly of Los Angeles, waltzed to a draw with Frankie Augustain, Los Angeles Mexican, in a dull, uninteresting bout.

In a four-rounder, Ray Stevens, 192, a comer, knocked out Ed. Keller, 183, Oakland, in one.

Willie Brown, fast-rising local heavyweight, banged out an easy decision over Eddie Reed, big Fresno boy, in eight rounds at the National Hall.

Brown, weighing 185, had no trouble with his bigger foe, although the durable Negro from Fresno was plenty game. Reed scaled 218.

In an eight-rounder, Al Barbour, 153, the boxing editor, went to a slugging draw with Bobby Davis, Oakland youngster, in a rough bout. Davis surprised everyone by holding Barbour, an unbeaten excellent prospect, even. Al lost much prestige in this bout, but we think a rematch would put him in top class again. Davis weighed 149.

Other Results: Chuck Hammond, 170, stopped Jack Sage, 173, in three rounds. Rudy Salazar, 142½, outpointed Bob Meredith, 142, in four. Julius Menendez, 146, T.K.O.'ed Eddie Grantano, 152, in four rounds.

SHORT JABS: San Francisco fans are wondering why—Local arbiters have handed down such raw decisions lately? Why Fred Apostoli, ex-N. Y. middleweight champ, and one of our better referees, is not given top bouts? Why Willie Brown, local heavy with less than a dozen fights, is put in against such experienced battlers and keeps dropping decisions to these boys? Why Jess Slocum, crowd-pleasing light-heavy, is not given a chance in semi-windups after winning eight straight by knockouts? Why Big Boy Brown, eastern heavy, here on the coast for a long time, can't get any fights against anybody? Many want to know the answers which lie with the commission and the promotors. . . . Hottest Oakland battler—Benny Calla, sensational rugged lightweight. Hottest thing in Frisco—Tony Rodriquez, hard-hitting youthful lightweight. A fight between the two looms. . . . Alex Amador, dandy little lightweight, deserves a semi-windup at Oakland or San Francisco, as he has won every one of his pro bouts and ranks as a comer. . . . Hammo Kazarian, Tony Olivera's sensational lightweight, also is unbeaten and has won every one of his fights by kayoes! He's another dandy prospect. . . . Eddie Booker, former middleweight champ of Calif., has several boys under his wing. Among them there's Chuck Hammond, heavyweight, Robert Smith, middleweight, Ray Stevens, heavyweight. . . . Stevens is tops among them. A good-looking heavy. . . . Al Citrino, North Beach's ex-lightweight thriller, has a good Filipino bantam under his wing. His name is Marce Totor.

BROADCAST FROM NEW YORK

By IRVING RUDD

HOOLIGANISM, combined with gambling, is slowly strangling boxing, in various parts of the country. It is in evidence in New York City clubs, and it is not inconceivable that blue-nose reformers may eventually use this as a wedge to promote legislation to repeal the law in sections where hoodlumism is prevalent.

For the second time within the space of six weeks severe rioting broke out after a boxing bout in New York City. The melee which followed the Robinson-Curcio brawl in Madison Square Garden luckily was broken up in quick time, just when it seemed that things might get a little out of hand. At the Fort Hamilton Arena, in Brooklyn, which is on an Army government reservation, but nevertheless under New York Boxing Commission jurisdiction, Pete Mead, Grand Rapids, Michigan, newcomer, and Herbie Kronowitz, popular Brooklyn youngster, tangled in a rousing ten-round donnybrook. A split decision in favor of Mead was announced and both battlers, good sports, shook hands and left the ring for their dressing rooms.

For more than two minutes only boos and jeers rent the air, but this reporter, as far as he could ascertain, learned that it was disgruntled gamblers who started a free-for-all which might have resulted in serious injury to many spectators, but fortunately did not. The riot started when one of the betting boys refused to "pay off" because of what he deemed an unfair verdict. Fists flew, and within a few minutes, chairs—iron chairs no less, filled the air like snowflakes. The Military Police were nowhere to be found while people's lives were in jeopardy. A bow in the direction of Detective Harold Schrack, of the Bath Avenue station in Brooklyn, is due. The New York police official, although dressed in civvies, went into action, and almost singlehandedly broke up the milling, meanwhile arresting four of the hoodlums.

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Boxing has come a long way since the days bouts were staged on barges or in deep wooded areas, away from police interference. It has become a respectable sport patronized by folks in all walks of life. Seated at the fights around this city it is not unusual to see men of the cloth, professional men, actors and even the President of the United States in attendance. A fan always felt secure in bringing the women folk to the various clubs. Now the safety of the spectator is greatly endangered as he is not quite sure whether his ticket of admission to a boxing match is also a ducat admitting him to an emergency ward at a nearby hospital.

Occasional fist fights are usually attributed to hot-headed partisans, but this writer, in ten years around the boxing beat, has always observed that in 90% of the cases, the scuffles that take place involve gamblers. Anyone "in the know" at local club fights can point out the betting boys and the section where they sit. It is high time the Commission, with the cooperation of the local police and promoters, set about to rid their arenas of this dangerous menace, both to boxing, and the spectator's life and limb.

For example, it is common knowledge that the chap who was one of the instigators of the riot at the Graziano-Green fight in the Garden a year ago, was right in the thick of things at Fort Hamilton too. He spat in the face of Judge Joe Schechter, who voted against Kronowitz, in whom this roughneck has more than a rooting interest. He is known to the Commission. Why isn't he, and hundreds of his ilk, barred from the fight clubs in New York, and also from the gymnasiums?

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Arthur Susskind, Jr., son of the famed Young Otto, is not only a first class publicist, but often works in the corners of his clients when they fight . . . Speaking of publicists, the king of 'em all, Francis Albertanti, has been engaged to beat the drum for Jake LaMotta . . . Ralph Nieves, Puerto Rican welterweight, also toots a hot trumpet with a local dance band . . . Al Barbour, Coast battler, writes a boxing column for a fight magazine in California . . . Jimmy Gill, English flyweight, is also a popular jockey . . . Fritzie Zivic is now promoting fights in Pittsburgh at the Zivic Arena . . . Eddie Dyer, Jr., son of the St. Louis Cards manager, is a great fight fan who always visits THE RING offices when in New York. . . .

In our story, "Gyms Along the Walk," which appeared in the last issue, we completely overlooked Joe Chap's fine gym in Brooklyn . . . It is the oldest established gym in the borough . . . Joe has been at the helm since 1929 and has developed many fine fighters . . . Eddie Brown, kid brother of Matchmaker Billy, is back in the business after an absence of some three years . . . Mickey Shaw, former sparmate for Max Schmeling and Tommy Farr, is now a special policeman at Ebbets Field . . . For the records, now that he is performing around New York, the last name of Bernard Docusen is pronounced "Dook-son." . . . Motion pictures of top fights are shown in leading theatres in England and Australia . . . The Lesnevich-Mills film and several of Vic Patrick's fights Down Under were sensational . . . Vic Zimet, former intercollegiate boxing champion, and a crack trainer before his enlistment in the Coast Guard, is back on the boxing beat after a four-year absence.

The night that Perk Daniels and Lee Q. Murray were heaved out of a Pittsburgh ring for their poor fight, two Mexican featherweights, Augie Rodriquez and Pedro Osorino, battled six rounds to a sensational draw at Houston, Texas . . . At the end of the slugfest someone tossed a dime into the ring . . . two nickels, a quarter and a dollar bill followed . . . Then came ten dollar bills . . . The deluge of dough continued . . .Total: $197.15 between them.

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The eight local outdoor clubs, all doing exceptionally well, average a combined total of more than $50,000 weekly at the box office . . . Queensboro Arena and Fort Hamilton vie for top honors . . . Henry Armstrong, the immortal triple champ, was a New York visitor . . . he informed THE RING scribes that he expects to make the big city his permanent abode soon, where he will operate his stable of fighters . . . Henry was high on the ability of Levi Southall, Roy Miller, and his 16-year-old "baby" Keith Nuthall . . . Miss Margaret (Margie) Regan, the late Jimmy Johnston's faithful secretary, who helped many a youngster get his start in boxing around New York, is still ailing at the Will Rogers Memorial, Saranac Lake, New York . . . We're sure a line from some of the gang on the old boxing beat would go a long way toward aiding Margie in her fight for recovery . . . get busy guys.

Tom Heeney, the ol' Hard Rock from Down Under, was discovered by Jim Burchard, *World-Telegram* scribe, tending bar at the tennis matches at Southampton, Long Island . . . Benny Lynch, former flyweight champion of the world, died in a hospital recently . . . Bow-tie Jimmy Bronson, one of boxing's most colorful figures, is now connected with a large importing firm . . . Tommy Gomez, Florida heavyweight, is the first Purple Heart wearer to box a main go in Madison Square Garden . . . With Joey and Jake going great guns, the LaMotta family now looks to kid brother Albert, 16 years old, to make headway in the mitt sport soon . . . Joe Louis Restaurant, opened recently, located at 125th Street and Lenox Avenue . . . Ray Robinson will follow suit on 124th Street, near Seventh Avenue.

Nat Fleischer's latest book, "The Michigan Assassin," the life story of the fabulous, colorful Stanley Ketchel, is off the presses and ready for distribution . . . The price is $1.50 . . . a limited number of these handsomely cloth-bound books are now available and can be obtained through THE RING Book Shop.

And now for the month's report!

A sensation on the road, where he scored many notable victories, Danny Kapilow, 142¾, Bronx welter, flopped again in his own hometown, when he dropped a unanimous ten-round decision to hustling Willie Joyce, Gary, Ind., Negro, before a crowd of 9573 at Madison Square Garden, blowing the duke after capturing four out of the first five rounds.

Joyce, at 140, seemed fleshier and more sluggish than for any previous Garden appearance. Willie couldn't seem to get his snappy left jab going and Kapilow took the lead, landing many left hooks. Danny continued to step around Joyce and popped the latter freely with well-timed wallops.

Joyce came to life in the fourth round, utilizing his piston-like left and forced Kapilow to backpedal all around the ring. The local lad was still in the battle and leading after the fifth heat, but from that point on Willie kept coming along. In the seventh stanza he jolted the blond youngster's head with several choice clouts and landed many jabs. The left hand paid off for the Midwesterner as he won going away in the last three frames.

Referee Ruby Goldstein and Judge Frank Forbes each had it five, three, and two even for Joyce, while Judge Jack Gordon scored it slightly closer at five rounds for Joyce, four for Kapilow and one even. The gross receipts were $32,970.

Johnny Dell, 132¾, Brooklyn, outpunched Lew Hanbury, 137¾, Washington, D. C., in the eight-round semi-final. Hanbury's cute tactics at close quarters troubled Dell considerably, but Johnny kept hammering away until he cut Lew's left eye and romped off with the decision.

In the lone six on the card, Juan Carrero, 138¼, Puerto Rico, outgamed Lee Jones, 141, Philadelphia.

Charley Donovan, 140¼, New York, and Phil Burton, 138, St. Louis, won the plaudits of the crowd with a good slambang four-round draw that saw each man hit the deck. Paul Midiri, 127, Corona, L. I., decisioned Joey Krikis, 132, East Side, in a second four, while Eskar Mosely, 144½, Bronx, outslugged Al Mazerol, 140¼, Limestone, Me., in another good four staged after the star bout.

A hustling last-round rally earned the ten-round decision for Chuck Taylor, 144¼, Coalport, Pa., after tough Tony Pellone, 141½, Greenwich Village, had evened the score in the three preceding rounds of a good scrap at Madison Square Garden.

Both boys appeared rather amateurish at the outset, but from the third round on the fray resolved itself into an earnestly fought scuffle. Tony was the cleaner puncher, but couldn't get set as the craftier Taylor tied him up at close range. Chuck and Tony began slugging from the fifth round on with Taylor getting just a wee bit the best of the exchanges.

In the seventh heat, Pellone, trailing, got back into the battle as he landed effective punches at long range. The eighth seemed a losing round for the New Yorker, but he pulled it out of the fire with a furious two-fisted attack in the closing minute. Pellone continued his rally with a blistering barrage in the ninth canto, staggering Taylor, and opening a slight cut over his left eye.

It was even-stephen going into the final frame, and Taylor walked off with a close nod, winning the round by an infinitesimal margin as both boys banged away throughout the entire three minutes. The majority verdict of Referee Barney Felix and Judge Jack Gordon, who scored it six rounds to four for Taylor, overruled the draw decision rendered by the other judge, Jack O'Sullivan, who had it even at five rounds and seven points apiece. The gross receipts totalled $21,350 and the attendance was 6607.

The ten-round semi-final saw mustachioed Julio Cesar Jiminez, 137½, Mexico, come into his own as a Garden topnotcher when he belted out Raul Zenit, 138, Mexican newcomer, in 2:21 of the sixth round. Jiminez impressively banged away to head and body for five rounds, but Zenit held his own as he punched back several times, although badly hurt. Julio finally lashed out with a wicked left and Raul slumped to the deck where he was counted out.

Andy (Buster) Peppe, 171¼, Greenwich Village, won a six-round decision from his neighborhood foe, Vince Gigante, 169. Two good fours resulted in victories for Paul Tine and Joe Barrett. The former, a New York welterweight, scaling 148¼, left-hooked his way to a close win over Ralph Nieves, 149, Puerto Rico, and Barrett, 173½, San Francisco, won a thriller from Johnny Thelen, 172½, Lake Konkonkoma, L. I. The Californian was down in the first round after he had twice dropped Thelen, then won when the latter gagged on his mouthpiece and could not continue at 2:49 of the second round.

The opener went to Jerry Heminger, 160, Tiffin, Ohio, when he decisioned Eric Best, 159¾, Brooklyn.

Splitting their votes with hairline points, Referee Mark Conn and Judges George LeCron and Tom Guilfoyle ruled the earnestly fought eight-rounder between Joey Varoff and Ernie Copeland a draw before 5000 fans at the Queensboro Arena.

Varoff seemed to be leading by a considerable margin going into the sixth heat, but Copeland came back to even the score in the seventh. This scribe felt that Varoff's stronger finish entitled him to the nod. Judge LeCron and Judge Guilfoyle awarded each boxer four rounds, but the former had Varoff in front on points, six to four, while the latter gave it to Copeland at nine points to eight. Referee Conn called it a draw, giving each man three rounds and three points and scoring two rounds even.

Varoff, hailing from the East Side, weighed 138, spotting Copeland, a fellow-New Yorker, seven pounds.

Tony Antognoli, 136, Greenwich Village, belted veteran Angel Aviles, 131, Mexico, with numerous right hands, but couldn't bring his man down as he handily won the eight-round semi-final.

In sixes, Juan Serrano, 156, Havana, Cuba, outslugged George Smith, 147¾, New York, Paul Midiri, 129¾, Corona, L. I., walloped Rosy Sans, 123, Brooklyn, and Frankie Cardinal, 146½, New York, battered Patsy Zoccano, 147, Montreal, stopping Patsy in 2:07 of the fourth round. The latter should be retired before he is killed.

The opener of four rounds went to Phil Burton, 141¼, New York, in his battle with Art McKenzie, 142½, Philadelphia.

Cecil Hudson, 152¼, Los Angeles Negro, who never sits down between rounds, repeated an earlier win over Henry Jordan, 151, Atlantic City, N. J., as he outpointed the Jerseyite by a wide margin in the ten-round feature at the Coney Island Velodrome.

Hudson suffered a cut on his lip in the fifth heat, but rocked Henry several times during the fray. Jack Watson was the referee.

In the slated eight-round semi-windup, Clarence Wilkerson, 161, Harlem, stopped Caesar Ferro, 157½, Brooklyn, in 1:09 of the sixth heat. Wilkerson had weakened Ferro with a body attack, and when he switched to head and stunned the latter, Referee Watson called a halt.

Ray Lewis, 133½, Honolulu, T. H., had Pete Manchio, 143¾, New York, so badly cut about the mouth, the blood-stained arbiter was forced to stop this scheduled six at 1:52 of the fifth. Willie Beltram, 135¼, Bronx, brought his six with Eddie O'Tash, 138½, Bridgeport, Conn., to an abrupt end when he stopped Eddie in 2:20 of the second round.

Bob Munoz, 148¾, Puerto Rico, defeated Joe LaScalzo, 144¼, East Side, in the opening four.

There were two Victors, but no winners after eight hard rounds of fighting at the Sterling Oval, when Bronx neighborhood rivals, Vic Costa, 144¾, and Vic Pignataro, 144½, battled to a draw in the star bout.

The promising Tony LaBua, 133¾, Ozone Park, L. I., fighting his first six-round bout, won the decision over Billy Reed, 132¼, Indianapolis, Ind. Bernie Bernard, 126, New York, outpointed Leo LeBron, 122½, Bronx, and Dave Meredith, 140, Elizabeth, N. J., beat Pete Genovese, 146, New York, in two other six-round bouts.

Frankie Smith, 156¼, New York, defeated Alan Ford, 156, New York, and Leonard Caesar, New York, stopped Jimmy Allen, Philadelphia featherweight, in the second round of a listed four.

An estimated crowd of 6000 saw the veteran, Joey Peralta, clearly outbox and outpunch heavy-hitting Morris Reif in what appeared to be quite an upset, but two astigmatic officials handed the Brownsville belter a Christmas present in July in the form of a split eight-round decision at Dexter Park.

Peralta unfolded a bag of tricks accumulated over many years of campaigning, to stab, hook, spin and box the ears off of Morris, meanwhile catching his murderous portside pokes on the arm. True, Reif did land some hefty wallops to the head and mid-section, but his lunging efforts as he attempted to kayo the canny Tamaqua, Pa., welter with one punch, made him appear ludicrous.

Referee Harry Gleicher and Judge Charley Shortell cast their ballots for Reif at five rounds to three, and four, three and one even, respectively, while the crowd booed, and then cheered the loser when it was announced that the other judge, Anthony Liszankie, had awarded Peralta six rounds and Reif only two. Morris weighed 146, four pounds more than Peralta.

They fed Jimmy Carollo, 198, Corona, L. I., a soft one in frightened Jimmy Letty, 181¾, Ridgewood, who succumbed to two smashing lefts to the head at 2:19 of round two of the eight-round semi-final.

The rest of the card consisted of fours and Morris Belkin, 130½, East Side, beat Sam King, 131, Harlem; Joey Brocato, 131½, New York, whipped Domingo Reyes, 132½, Puerto Rico; Tony LaRocca, 137¾, Jamaica, L. I., defeated Allie Wolf, 136, New York, and Winslow Woodward, 138, New York, vanquished Charles Grant, 143, Harlem.

They closed the barn door after the horse galloped away when Deputy Boxing Commissioner Tom Paresi revoked the boxing license of Tony Reno of Chicago, after the ringworn middleweight was stopped by classy Tony Janiro in 2:29 of the second round at the MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn.

The time to have revoked Reno's license was when the match was proposed, not when the 19-year-old Youngstown, Ohio, contender dropped his inept foe twice in the first and twice more in the second round before Referee Al Berl called it quits. The records show that Reno, who did a hitch in the Navy, has not won a bout since 1943, and that at least two-thirds of his bouts since he started fighting in 1940 are studded with losses.

A record crowd of 5500 paid $7800 to see the fiasco. Reno scaled 152, Janiro, 148.

In the semi-final, Tommy Monte, 130, Brooklyn, stopped another shopworn catcher in the person of Johnny Gebert, 129½, Freeport, L. I., the referee intervening at 2:39 of round five.

Harry Diduck, 134¾, Brooklyn, defeated Al Mazerol, 137¼, Limestone, Me., and Ernie Butler, 149, Brooklyn, whipped Lew Perez, 154¾, Puerto Rico, in six-round affairs.

A brilliant prospect, red-headed Joe D'Amato, 141, Youngstown, O., won his second pro start as he trounced David Garcia, 141, Puerto Rico, in a four-spot. In a brisk four-round opener, Harold Arrington, 130½, Binghamton, N. Y., outscored Sammy LaLima, 128½, Brooklyn.

Lanky Eddie Murphy, 140, Bronx youngster, proved he was the complete master of tough Juan Carrero, 136, Puerto Rico, when he handed his only conqueror a neat eight-round shellacking to extend his string of wins to twenty-four out of twenty-five starts at the Croke Park Arena.

Carrero had lost an unpopular decision in one fray, then came back to upset Murphy in a return go previous to the rubber encounter.

Freddie Lott, Newark, N. J., defeated Joe Garahan, 165, Astoria, L. I., in the six-round semi-windup. Another six saw Mickey Zangara, 147¼, Bronx, get the duke over Eskar Mosely, 144, Harlem.

In fours, Ed Ahearn, 155¼, Bronx, outpointed Bill Dankar, 149½, New York; Tom Lynch, 139½, Wilmington, Del., conquered Chris Chrystaneum, 137, Bronx; Kenny Haines, 127½, Hamilton, Ont., won from Clemente Rodriguez, 127, Puerto Rico, and Artie Davis, 137, Boston, stopped Billy Griffin, 139, Bronx, in 51 seconds of the second session.

Ruby Kessler, 140¼, crack Coney Island clouter, avenged an earlier defeat when he knocked out Pat Scanlon, 140¼, Ozone Park, L. I., in 2:32 of the seventh of a slated ten-round feature at Ebbets Field before an estimated crowd of 10,000.

Kessler, the superior boxer and puncher of the two, should have been disqualified during a hectic second round which saw Scanlon drop his man for a count of two. While Referee Benny Leonard kept his eyes glued on the knockdown timekeeper, Joe Veruso, Kessler, without being struck, slumped to the floor and took another count of five. At the end of the round, Scanlon's manager, Sammy Aaronson, protested, but to no avail.

Ruby came back to outpunch his Irish rival and floored Pat for two in the third heat. Going into the fifth frame the milling was fairly even, but Kessler kept coming on to cop the next two stanzas. In the seventh round he floored Scanlon three times, twice draping him over the ropes, and Referee Leonard intervened.

Nava Esparza, 144, Mexico, threw more leather more frequently to outwallop Vic Moreno, 143, Venezuela, in the ten-round semi-final.

In other ten spots, Herbie Kronowitz, 156½, Brooklyn, was well pasted in winning a decision over Jerry Fiorello, 159, Red Hook Italian, and classy Jimmy Warren, 134, Brooklyn, won handily from Ossie Rodriquez, 128½, Puerto Rico. The judges were Marty Monroe and Joe Agnello.

Vinnie Rossano, 147½, Red Hook Purple Heart wearer, dealt a crushing blow to the hopes of ex-Marine Jimmy McDonough, 146½, Brooklyn, when he stopped the latter at 37 seconds of the second round at the Fort Hamilton Arena before a crowd of 5,800.

McDonough, who is reputed to have lost but two of more than fifty professional starts, was outboxed in the first round. In the next stanza he was hit with a terrific right to the body and doubled over, unable to continue. It was reported that Jimmy had suffered a possible rib fracture.

Ray Lewis, 134, Honolulu, outpointed Johnny Thomas, 135½, West Side, in the semi-final of six rounds.

In other six-round scraps, George Smith, 144, New York, defeated Johnny Caruso, 148, Jersey City, N. J., and Walter Keene, 138, Pittsburgh, beat Nick Primiani, 140, Montreal. A four-round setto went to Willie Murphy, 139, New York, who was the victor over Odell Halliday, 140, New York.

The gate receipts were estimated at $9,350.

Returning to local ring warfare after an absence of over a year, Lulu Costantino, 137¼, East Side, displayed plenty of his old form as he easily outpointed Ruby Garcia, 136½, Puerto Rico, in the main eight-rounder at the Long Beach Stadium.

Lulu was never in trouble as he employed a good left jab to stave off the rushes of the rugged Garcia. The referee was Jack Clifford; the judges, Charley Shortell and Sid Cohen.

In the eight-round semi-final, undefeated Tommy Marra, 150½, White Plains youngster, came off the deck to flatten Freddie Graham, 154, Bronx, in 2:32 of the third round. Tommy was down for nine in the preceding round.

Johnny Rinaldi, 146¼, Bronx veteran, won an unpopular eight-round decision over Bobby Williams, 142, Florida, and Charley Dobson, 159½, New York, defeated Bob Isler, 168, New York, in a six-rounder.

The opening four ended quickly when Phil Thomas, 128, Bronx, hung one on Larry Spencer, 123, New York, to stow the latter away at 2:51 of the second.

Plucked from the audience at the Queensboro Arena, where he had come to watch the fights, Willie Odom, 140½, New York Negro welterweight, proved a capable substitute for Julie Bort, as he came from behind to trounce Tommy Mills, 139¾, Valley Stream, L. I., in the main eight-round bout.

Bort, who had weighed in and passed the Commission medical exam at noontime, complained of illness as the first preliminary began. He was found to be suffering with a fever and excused. Matchmaker Moe Fleischer, desperately seeking a replacement, found Odom among the spectators and rushed Willie into the breach.

The largest crowd of the season, which contributed to a gross gate of $9,400, saw Odom score with numerous overhand rights to jar Mills, who had injured his left arm in the seventh frame. The decision of Referee Benny Leonard and Judges John Potter and Marty Monroe was unanimous.

In the eight-round semi-final, Juan Serrano, 156, cagy Havana, Cuba, left hooker, outhustled Billy Walker, 160¼, Portland, Ore.

Jackie Connelly, 133½, Long Island City, defeated Kenny Haines, 127½, Toronto, scoring with stiffer punches in a good six-round slugfest. Other sixes saw Dave Chacon, 154, Elizabeth, N. J., whip Artie Mott, 146, Atlanta, Ga., and Al Maggi, 159½, New York, stiffen Baudelio Valencia, 156¾, Mexico, in 1:47 of round five.

Outweighed by 34¼ pounds, Jimmy Meeks, 188½, Bronx, gave as good as he received to earn a draw with big Sid Cohen, 222¾, East Side, in the four-round opener.

Pete Geno, Greenwich Village welter, and Russ Hawkins of Jamaica, L. I., tangled in what proved to be the best bout of the season at the Coney Island Velodrome, with the former winning a close eight-round duke before 4,000 fans.

Within the first ten seconds of the opening canto Geno fired a beautifully executed one-two, a left hook to the body and a right cross to the jaw, to dump Hawkins for a two-count. Russ came back to badly batter Pete about the proboscis, but suffered a cut left eye in the seventh heat. Referee Harry Gleicher scored the fight five rounds to three for the winner, while Judge Anthony Lizankie gave it to Geno, six rounds to two. Judge Dave Stewart scored three rounds for each man with two even to call it a draw.

In the six-round semi-final, Eric Best, Brooklyn, defeated Julie Cross, also of Brooklyn. Other sixes saw Leroy Snead, Brooklyn, stop Fred MacManus, New York, in 2:02 of the third round, and Joe LaScala, East Side, ended his listed six with Bob Munoz of the West Side also in the third stanza.

The four-round opener went to Larry Spencer, Bronx, as he stopped Chatos Ramos, Puerto Rico, in 1:57 of the second frame.

Playing it safe in his first important comeback test, Jimmy Carollo, 195, Corona, L. I., concentrated on an accurate left jab and occasional right crosses to defeat the veteran Buddy Knox, 210, Dayton, O., in the star bout of eight rounds at Dexter Park. The decision was unanimous.

Tony LaRocca, 136, Corona, scored sensationally again as he halted Eddie O'Tash, 139, Bridgeport, Conn., the latter being unable to come up for the third heat of a slated six-round semi-windup.

Two more knockouts were recorded as Jerome Frazier, 152, Long Island City, stiffened Maxie Spoon, 158, Windsor, Ont., in the quick time of 39 seconds of the first round, and Steve DeLuca, 164, Jamaica, L. I., kayoed Bob Isler, 167, Brooklyn, in 2:57 of the second.

The promising Morris Belkin, 131, East Side, notched his 15th straight win without a setback as he outpointed Fred Picone, 132, Brooklyn, in a good six spot. John L. Johnson, 128, Harlem, won over Castro Calderon, 126, Brooklyn, in four rounds.

Buddy Garcia, 134¼, Houston, Texas, packed too much power for Paul (Fancy Pants) Reguejo, 133¼, San Francisco, as he romped off with a unanimous eight-round decision at the Croke Park Arena before a crowd of 3,000.

Garcia offset the early lead built up by his colorful foe as he subjected Paul to a severe body attack in the last four rounds. Buddy had Reguejo in bad shape for a time in the seventh heat. The Californian made quite a tussle of it with furious, sporadic rallies.

Jimmy Callura, 123, Ontario, Can., once more defeated Bobby Richards, 122¾, Portland, Ore., in a closely fought semi-final eight.

In a six, Aurelio Vasquez, 139, Mexico, punched out a win over Al Mazerol, 138¾, Limestone, Me.

Tommy Lynch, 139, Bronx, gave Sammy King, 138, Harlem, a good pasting to earn the nod in four rounds, while Jimmy Cone, 147½, Millburn, N. J., and Art McKenzie, 142½, Harlem, travelled over the same distance to a draw.

Kilroy certainly was there in the opening four, Billy, 153¾, Paterson, N. J., that is. He clipped Gregory Hildabo, 158½, Bronx, with a corking uppercut and stowed his man away in 48 seconds of the first round.

Another talent "kid" show was staged at the MacArthur Stadium and six of the eight contests ended in knockouts.

The little red-headed flash, Joe D'Amato, 137½, Youngstown, O., stole the show again as he knocked out Earl Shaw, 142½, Bronx, in 1:06 of the fourth round of a slated six. A crowd of more than 3,000 saw the latter make a game stand of it after being dropped for two nine-counts in the second heat. The bell saved Shaw, and in the fourth the kid cousin of Lenny Mancini applied the finisher.

Joey Carkido, 137½, Youngstown, knocked out Charley Grant, 142, Bronx, in 1:05 of the first; Ralph Nieves, 149½, Puerto Rico, finished Bernie Harper, 148½, Bronx, in 34 seconds of round one; Vince DeMarco, 137, Brooklyn, stopped Jerry Darby, 135, Jamaica, L. I., the latter being unable to come up for the sixth on account of cuts about the mouth; Joey Brocato, 132½, East Side, halted Charley Bellinger, 134½, Amityville, L. I., in 2:44 of the first round, and Nick Kashbus, 150, Brooklyn, disposed of Eli de Loech, 146½, East Side, in 1:59 of the second.

Frank Ferretti, 154½, Brooklyn, took a six-round decision over Nick Bertucci, 149½, Brooklyn, and Jimmy Hicks, 157, Brooklyn, came off the floor to beat Sam Berryhill, 162, Brooklyn, in the curtain raiser.

Fists flew, chairs flew, and spectators flew for shelter after it was announced that Pete Mead, classy Grand Rapids, Mich., lad, had defeated popular Herbie Kronowitz, Coney Island middleweight, in ten rousing rounds of ding-dong battling at the Fort Hamilton Arena in Brooklyn.

A record gate for the Army reservation club was set as over 6,000 spectators paid a gross of $10,025.

After a bit of preliminary sparring in the first frame, Kronowitz nailed Pete with a pip of a right to the jaw to drop the Mid-westerner for eight. The latter arose on shaky underpinning but made a game comeback for the remainder of the round. The second was almost evenly fought, but in the third Herbie nailed Mead again, this time for seven, and once more Pete was in poor shape.

From that point on, both lads hammered away furiously, and as it later developed, with Mead winning each round by extremely close margins. At the final bell, both boys were still slugging viciously. Kronowitz was bleeding from a cut over his left eye, while the left orb of Mead was almost completely shut. Referee Jack Hulbert and Judge Joe Schechter each scored it in favor of Mead, seven rounds to three, while Judge Mike Parisi dissented in favor of Kronowitz, five rounds to four, with one even. Herbie weighed 157, a pound more than his rival.

Three of the five supporting bouts ended in kayoes. Henry Holly, 177, Brooklyn, battered Jim Polk, 173, New York, helpless and the referee intervened at 2:40 of round five. Maxie Spoon, 158, Montreal, knocked out Joe Brown, 156, New York, in 1:57 of the third heat, and Willie Murphy, 137, East Side, won a savagely fought affair from Fox Williams, 139, Brooklyn, halting his man in 2:20 of the third.

A hard fought six went to Jack Cunningham, 124½, Elizabeth, N. J., as he outpointed Joe DiSoso, 125, New Orleans. In the opening four, Joey Patino, 135, West Side, was awarded the decision over Marcel Fournier, 133, Montreal, the greatest catcher seen since the days of Roger Breshnahan.

Displaying exceptionally good form, Bernie Reynolds, 175½, Cliffside Park, N. J., protege of Gus Lesnevich, kayoed Jimmy Hooper, 177, Detroit, in his last bout on American soil before embarking for England with his light-heavyweight champion tutor.

Using his powerful right often, Reynolds pounded his man helpless at the end of the fifth of a slated eight-round go.

In a co-featured eight-spot, Ernie Copeland, 146, Bronx, whipped Vic Pignataro, 144½, Bronx, in a bout marred by much tugging and mauling. The decision in favor of the former CBI kingpin was unanimous.

Benny Davis, 157, Port Chester, N. Y., defeated Frankie Smith, 154½, New York, in a six-round tilt. Another scheduled six ended in favor of Dave Cohen, 142½, Bronx, when he kayoed Johnny Ortega, 143, Bronx, in 2:04 of the fifth frame.

The fours saw Willie Brown, 182, Bronx, score a knockout over Billy Beauford, 176, Garfield, N. J., in 1:56 of the third, and Charley Perkins, 156, Corona, L. I., defeated Jimmy Jackson, 155, Bronx.

Continuing his formula of four eight-round bouts at the Long Beach Stadium, Matchmaker Moe Fleischer attracted a crowd of 4,500 fans to see classy Jimmy Callura, 123, Ontario, Canada, win the decision in the top eight from Bobby Richards, 123½, Spokane, Wash.

Callura was forced to travel at top speed to repeat an earlier victory over the Westerner, despite the fact that he floored his man twice for nine-counts in the second round.

The veteran Johnny Rinaldi, 145, Bronx, stole the show in his fracas with Bobby Williams, 143, Florida, although he was defeated. Trailing by a wide margin in the last round, Rinaldi dumped Bobby for nine and had him hanging on desperately at the bell.

Tony DeRosa, 142, promising Astoria, L. I., youngster, slated to travel eight rounds for the first time in his career, cut his scrap with Jimmy Murray, 145½, Brooklyn, short when he stopped Jimmy at 1:04 of the sixth round. DeRosa was away out in front as he shook his man constantly with good body blows but switched to the chin with a hard right that floored Murray and left him helpless.

The fourth eight of the bill resulted in a unanimous decision for Billy Strauss, 134, Paterson, N. J., over Julian Malavez, 140, Puerto Rico. Billy was too shifty and smart for his rugged foe, whom he popped at will with a snappy left jab.

Sonny Horne's kid brother, Roland, 156, Valley Stream, L. I., punched too hard for Frank Feretti, 151, Brooklyn, to stop his man at 2:45 of the second heat of the scheduled four-round opener.

Fighting sluggishly after romping off with the first two rounds, Joey Varoff, 138, East Side protege of Ray Arcel, blew an eight-round decision to seasoned Charley (Dixie) Davis, 142½, Georgia, before a sparse gathering of 2,000 at the MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn.

Davis, who was missing badly, settled down in the fifth round and through the sixth and seventh rounds shook Varoff often with good shots to the head. Joey came back in the eighth and final frame, but it was much too late to pull the chestnuts out of the fire for the ex-Coast Guardsman, who suffered his second setback in 46 pro starts.

Lou Casiano, 132¾, East Side, won the decision over Mario Colon, 132¾, Puerto Rico, in the eight-round semi-final. Lou was too strong for his rival, and continually beat him to the punch.

The verdict in favor of Joey Fredda, 146, Maspeth, L. I., over Johnny Vann, 144½, Brooklyn, after six hard rounds, was booed as most of the gathering felt that the latter had won. Another six went to Tony LaRocca, 139½, Jamaica, L. I., as he whipped Eddie O'Tash, 138¾, Bridgeport, Conn.

Joe Brocato, 132¼, East Side, scored the only kayo on the card when he stiffened Harold Arrington, 139, Binghamton, N. Y., in 2:31 of the opening frame of a four, while Domingo Reyes, 138, Puerto Rico, defeated Lalo Berenzo, 141, Youngstown, O., in the curtain-raiser.

Frankie Gromada, 139, East Side, defeated his West Side opponent, Mike Konnors, 141, after eight hard rounds at the Croke Park Arena before a crowd estimated at 3,800.

It was a rough, mauling fight at close quarters most of the way with too much infighting to make it exciting. George Walsh was the referee.

Johnny LaRusso, 130¼, Bronx, dumped Joe Griffo, 131, Newark, N. J., to the deck eight times before the referee intervened with but 33 seconds of the eighth and final frame of the semi-final remaining. LaRusso had his man ready for the cleaners several times but let him get off the hook.

Aurelio Vasquez, 141, a Mexican newcomer, whipped Al Mazerol, 138, Limestone, Me., in a slashing six that stole the show. Mazerol was dropped for a nine-count in the fifth round.

In other frays, Jimmy Meeks, 187¾, Bronx, quickly kayoed Jimmy Letty, 184, Ridgewood, in 1:19 of round one. The latter was down three times. A close and lively four went to Tony LaBua, 133, Ozone Park, L. I., as he nosed out Harold Stine, 136, Newark, and Charley Frick, 148, Bronx, halted Orlando Patino, 148, Yonkers, N. Y., in 56 seconds of the first round.

Danny Webb, 130, Montreal Negro, really moved out among the local featherweight leaders in his third Gotham start when he decisively defeated Joey Dolan, 128, Spokane, Wash., in a lively eight-round main go at the Fort Hamilton Arena.

A crowd of 5,300 saw Dolan drop Webb for a two-count in the second stanza, but Danny bounded back to floor the Westerner for nine in the fifth canto. The fifth and sixth rounds were rough ones for Dolan, but he came back strong in the seventh. The decision in favor of the Canadian was unanimous. Teddy Martin was the referee.

In the semi-final eight, Joe DiSoso, 125, New Orleans, outpointed Sammy Zelman, 126, Canada.

A pair of sixes saw Luther McQuinn, 165, Syracuse, N. Y., whip Billy Johnson, 165, Wilmington, N. C., and Cyril Gittens, 158, Brooklyn, knocked out Chatos Ramos, 155, Mexico City, in 2:10 of the third.

Jerry Hemminger, 159, Columbus, O., defeated Eric Best, 169, Brooklyn, and Lou Costich, 135, West Side, won from Marcel Fournier, 132, Montreal, in the four spots.

Fighting for the fourth time within four weeks, stiff-socking Steve Belloise, 159, of the Bronx, starched another victim when he knocked out Indian Gomez, 160, Cuba, in 2:01 of the third round of a listed eight at the Coney Island Velodrome.

Belloise had things pretty much his own way until he ended hostilities with a left hook to the body and a right cross to the jaw. He cut Gomez above the left eye within the first 30 seconds of the bout and battered the Indian at will in the second stanza. The referee was Jed Gahan. Mike Paresi and Gus Galli were the judges.

Bob Mann, 147¼, Trenton, N. J., whipped Tony DeRosa, 144, Astoria, L. I., in a good six-round semi-windup. Mann floored his man for a count of nine in the third chapter and twice more for short counts in the fourth heat.

Nathan Bridges, Detroit, and Billy Nelson, New York, fought to a six-round draw, and Al Turner, Harlem, defeated Leo LeBron, Bronx, in another six.

In four-round affairs, Phil Burton, New York, walloped Rodney Freyres, Puerto Rico, and Joe

LaScala, Brooklyn, kayoed William Littlejohn, Buffalo, N. Y., in 2:59 of the opening round.

Leading all the way, Oscar Goode, 179½, Newark, N. J., Negro, threw a wicked punch at big Henry Cooper, 206½, Brooklyn veteran, and with the wallop threw his shoulder out of joint and was stopped at five seconds of the fifth round at the Long Beach Stadium.

A crowd of 4,600 witnessed the freak ending. Goode outboxed his heavier foe, stabbing him with numerous left jabs. As the fifth frame started he rushed from his corner and lunged at Cooper with disastrous results. Goode was stopped by Jackie Cranford in a Garden tussle earlier this season when the same thing happened after a spirited exchange.

Joe (Aponte) Torres, 126, Puerto Rico, pulled a losing fight out of the fire when he caught Earl Trader, 129, Wilmington, Del., in the final round of an eight spot and dumped his foe for a seven-count. The crowd booed the split verdict in favor of Torres, the majority feeling that Trader had outboxed his man most of the way.

Belting away to the body, Al LaBarba, 149¼, Bronx, decisioned Willie Odom, 140¼, Harlem, in a third eight-rounder. Walter Stevens, 138, Newark, N. J., ended his carded eight with Julian Malavez, 139, Puerto Rico, at 1:37 of the fifth round. Referee Ray Miller stopped it after Malavez was on the receiving end of a good lathering.

Jimmy Jackson, 150¼, Bronx, stopped Jimmy Wright 151, Wilmington, Del., in 1:48 of the fourth round of the opener.

Lee Savold, 203½, Paterson, N. J., veteran, won quite handily after ten dreary rounds over cautious Johnny White, 211, New York, in the main go at the Coney Island Velodrome. The gate was $5,200 and the crowd estimated at about 4,000. Jack Watson was the referee.

A much livelier six-round semi-final saw Johnny King, 154, Harlem, floored twice and on the verge of a knockout, come back to win the decision over Caesar Ferro, 156½, Brooklyn.

Teddy Walters, 199, West Side, had to be content with a draw against George Bensick, 187½, Pueblo, Calif., in a good six-round tussle. The latter's brave stand apparently impressed the officials.

Leonard Caesar, 138, New Orleans, won in a fast six-rounder from Oscar Williams, 137½, Brooklyn. The curtain raiser of four rounds failed to go the route as Sammy Berryhill, 164½, Tulsa, Okla., knocked out Eddie Richardson, 163, Garfield, N. J., in 2:03 of the third round.

Substituting for the ailing Tony Janiro, Joey Peralta, 142, Tamaqua, Pa., veteran, won an eight-round decision over Bobby Cummings, 143, Philadelphia, at the Sterling Oval. Janiro, slated for several Garden matches, showed up for the weighing in ceremonies at the Commission offices with a backache. This was later diagnosed as a kidney stone and an operation was recommended.

In other bouts on the Sterling program, Willie Beltram, 136, Bronx, belted out Earl Cranshaw, 139, Harlem, in 1:12 of the second round. This was the semi-final six. Mickey Zangara, 148, Bronx, kayoed Jimmy Morrison, 143½, Newark, N. J., in 1:49 of the first frame.

Tommy Lynch, 139, Wilmington, Del., defeated Sammy King, 142, Harlem, in a six-rounder.

The postwar comeback hopes of Johnny Colan, once a leading light-heavyweight contender, were dealt a crushing blow as Jimmy (Shamus) O'Brien, clever stablemate of Sugar Ray Robinson, outboxed and outpunched the handsome Hell's Kitchen youngster over the eight-round route at the Queensboro Arena. A capacity crowd of 4,200 paid a gross of $7,900.

Most of the milling was at close range. Colan was cut over the left eye in the third round, and under the right eye in the fourth. Referee Jack Appel and Judge Abe Goldberg scored it five rounds to three for O'Brien, while Judge Frank Wessner scored it five, two and one even in O'Brien's favor. Shamus weighed 176¾; Colan, 175½.

Frankie Cardinal, 146, West Side, defeated Freddie Graham, 153, Bronx, in the six-round semi-final.

In other six-round tilts, Jimmy Carter, 130, East Side, finished strong to earn a draw with Paul Midiri, 128½, Corona, L. I., after being dumped in the first heat, and Phil Burton, 141, West Side, constantly beat Pete Geno, 145, Greenwich Village, to the punch to cop the nod.

Felix Thomas, 128½, Bronx, trounced Harold Arrington, 130¼, Binghamton, N. Y., and Just Johnson, 132¼, Brooklyn, kayoed Rodney Freyres, 136, Puerto Rico, in the four-round events.

Flattened in three previous starts, Jack Larrimore, shopworn Jacksonville welterweight, was the latest lamb led before left-hooking Morris Reif of Brownsville, and, as was expected, Reif blasted his man helpless in 1:25 of the fourth round at Dexter Park.

Larrimore was game, but that's all that could be said in his favor. Referee Frank Fullam intervened. Reif, at 147, enjoyed a six-pound pull in the weights.

Tony LaRocca, 139½, New York, stole the show with a thrilling comeback in his battle with Winslow Woodward, 136½, Jamaica, L. I., in the scheduled six-round semi-final. Woodward, a fast puncher, floored LaRocca twice in the opening round. Tony wobbled toward his corner as the bell sounded. He was followed by the referee, who seemed on the verge of stopping the bout. Tony pleaded to be allowed to continue and in the second stanza held his own. Suddenly in the third round he whipped over a left hook to kayo Woodward.

Morris Belkin, 132, East Side, whipped Domingo Reyes, 128½, Puerto Rico, in a slow six, marred by too much clinching on the part of the latter. Tony DeSalvo, 139½, Corona, L. I., won from Charley Graham, 140, Harlem, in another six.

In fours, Larry Spencer, 121, Bronx, outpointed Max Doughty, 124, Bayport, L. I., and Joe Brocato, 132, East Side, stopped Lindy Miller, 132, Brooklyn, when the latter failed to come out for the second round.

Rangy Eddie Murphy, 141, Bronx youngster, ran his string of wins up to 25 out of 26 pro starts, and broke the winning streak of Rocco Rossano, 144½, Brooklyn, as he took the unanimous decision in the featured eight at the Croke Park Arena.

A capacity crowd of more than 6,000 was on hand. The professional debut of Sal Belloise, 155½, New York, youngest of the Belloise clan, was marred somewhat when Billy Kilroy, 151½, Paterson, N. J., defeated him in an earnestly waged special four-round fray.

In six-round settos, Ralph Nieves, 149½, Puerto Rico, knocked out Jimmy Jackson, 135¾, Bronx, in 2:21 of the fourth, and Kenny Haines, 127½, Hamilton, Ont., and Louis Lang, 122½, New York, battled to a draw.

The fours saw Steve DeLuca, 165, Brooklyn, returned the winner over Doug Hale, 163, New York, when the latter failed to answer the gong for the last round; Billy Griffin, 137, Bronx, knocked out John O'Shea, 132, Brooklyn, in 2:32 of the first, and Nick Bertucci, 151, Brooklyn, copped the decision over Frank Ferretti, 156, Brooklyn, in the opener.

All-star boxing, with the spotlight on young, rising fighters, was the attraction at MacArthur Stadium in Brooklyn and a goodly crowd of 3,600 who paid a gross of $4,740 saw red-headed Joe D'Amato, 140, Youngstown, O., score the biggest hit of the evening when he stiffened Artie Davis, 139¾, Bronx, in 1:55 of the first round to garner a special $50 victory bond presented by Rocky Graziano.

Joe had his man down for nine and then coolly finished him with a right cross. Referee Young Otto counted Davis out.

The top six saw Joey Carkido, 138½, Youngstown, O., travel at top speed to vanquish aggressive Harry Diduck, 133½, Brooklyn. Carkido scored effectively with many hard right-hand smashes.

Tommy Monte, 129, Brooklyn, outpointed Clem Rodriquez, 125, Puerto Rico, in a six, while Vincent DeMarco, 137½, Brooklyn, beat Aurelio Vasquez, 139¾, Mexico, in another six.

Lalo Berezo, 142, Youngstown, opened the show with a four-round win over Joe Patino, 138½, Puerto Rico, and Jimmy Manzia, 152½, East Side, dropped Jimmy McGrath, 155½, Hollywood, Calif., three times to bring his slated four to an abrupt end at 2:05 of round one.

Nearly 1,000 wounded servicemen at Halloran General Hospital were treated to a fine exhibition on the part of welterweight champion Marty Servo as he tuned up for his title bout with Ray Robinson by flattening Jimmy Anest, deaf-mute from Brooklyn, at 1:46 of the fifth round of a slated ten.

Anest peppered Servo with many good lefts in the first heat, but Marty, boxing out of a crouch, floored Jimmy for six in the second. Wobbly, Anest was rescued by the gong. Servo kept blasting Anest until the fifth, and when he dropped Jimmy with a left and right, Barney Ross, who refereed, stepped in and stopped it. Servo scaled 145½; Anest, 140.

Four preliminary affairs, all exhibitions refereed by Ring Editor Nat Fleischer, and a good three-round tilt between Arturo Godoy and Sandy McPherson, local heavyweight, rounded out the show. Henry Armstrong was the third man in the ring for the Godoy-McPherson scrap.

Making his first appearance in New York, classy Bernard Docusen was extremely impressive as he halted tough Jorge Morelia of Mexico City in the second round of a scheduled ten-round main go at the Fort Hamilton Arena before a crowd of 3,800 fans.

The New Orleans flash, now a welterweight at 141 pounds, three pounds heavier than Morelia, boxed the Mexican silly in the first round. Bernard slipped punches, countered quickly, and finally in the second frame decided it was time to finish his foe off. At 1:33 of that stanza, Referee Al Berle intervened when it was apparent that Morelia was badly outclassed.

Leo LeBrun, 124, Bronx, finished fast to eke out a six-round semi-final decision over Jackie Cunningham, 124½, Elizabeth, N. J. Tommy McKearney, 158½, Ireland, making his pro debut, won easily from Julie Cross, 158, Brooklyn, in a second six. Tommy had his man down six times in all. Vinnie DeMarco, 137½, Brooklyn, drew with Walt Keene, 138, Pittsburgh, in a six spot.

In the four-round frays, Tony Bertucci, 152, Brooklyn, defeated Harold Alle, 148, St. Paul, Minn., and Joey LaScala, 141, Bronx, stopped William Littlejohn, 138, Syracuse, N. Y., in 1:14 of round two.

Scoring with more effective punches, Tony Pellone, 142½, Greenwich Village Italian, built up a strong, early lead which he managed to maintain despite a good rally on the part of his opponent, Ruby Kessler, 142, Brooklyn, and sauntered off with the majority verdict at the end of ten hard rounds of earnest milling at Madison Square Garden.

Referee Harry Ebbetts scored it even, awarding each lad four rounds with two even, which is the way The Ring correspondent saw it, except that our scorecard had it five and five. Judges Jack O'Sullivan and Artie Schwartz voted for Pellone, five rounds to four with one even. Announcer Harry Balogh threw the Garden into an uproar when he announced the judges' findings as "five rounds for Pellone, four for Kessler, and *two* even"—for a total of eleven rounds! This was quickly corrected.

The bout was fast paced, and Kessler, making his main go bow in the fistic Mecca, proved vulnerable to left hooks. His left eye was bruised at the close of round one. After being shaken several times in the second round, Ruby got back into the battle by taking a great slugging round, landing many rights in the third heat. Kessler outpunched Tony by a good margin in the fourth, but Pellone gradually pulled ahead until the eighth stanza, when Kessler changed from long range tactics and began to bore in and crowded Pellone against the ropes, meanwhile working both hands to the body. Ruby forced the fighting in the eighth, ninth and tenth cantos, but his valiant attempt to pull a losing fight out of the fire went for naught.

Eddie Murphy, 140, lanky Bronx youngster, became undisputed champion of Juan Carrero, 136½, Puerto Rico, when he defeated his only conqueror in the pro ranks for the third time in a good eight-round semi-final. Carrero found the range in the last two sessions with a looping overhand right, but Murphy had clearly outpointed him in the preceding rounds.

The promising Tommy Marra, 150, White Plains, showed plenty of class in outpointing cagy Dave Chacon, 151, Newark, N. J., in a six spot. Another six staged after the star bout went to Eddie Franklin, 187½, Philadelphia, as he outpointed Ross Strickland, 179, New York.

In four-rounders, Morris Belkin, 130¾, East Side, suffered his first loss at the hands of Fred Picone, 130½, Harlem; Tony Bertucci, 153¼, Brooklyn, took a close one from Paul Tine, 149½, New York, and Georgie Small, 153, Brooklyn, whipped Johnny Caruso, 151¼, Jersey City, N. J., despite the loss of one round for constant use of his elbow.

Long Beach Stadium continued to pack 'em in with Matchmaker Moe Fleischer's formula of four eight-round bouts, and a crowd of more than 4,000 jammed the Long Island arena to see Aponte Torres, 126½, Puerto Rico, win the top eight from Earl Trader, 129, Wilmington, Del. The lads had met two weeks earlier, with Torres coming from behind to take an unpopular verdict, but there was no question as to the winner in this return engagement. Teddy Martin was the referee.

Frankie Pucci, 129, Toronto, knocked out Wendel Douglas, 117½, Harlem, in 2:15 of the fourth round of a slated eight. In a third eight, Charley Noel, 130, Brooklyn, outpointed Bobby Richards, 123, New York, while Billy Strauss, 139, Paterson, N. J., captured the verdict over the eight-round route against Tony DeSalvo, 139, Corona, L. I.

The lone four spot went to Sonny Horne's kid brother, Roland, 159¼, Valley Stream, L. I., as he outpunched Jim Wright, 150¾, Wilmington, Del., in the curtain raiser.

Fighting head to head and concentrating on a two-handed body attack throughout the entire eight rounds, Roman Alvarez, 140½, Pete Reilly's East Side protege, and Johnny Williams, 140¼, Montgomery, Alabama, Negro, battled to an eight-round draw before an estimated crowd of 3,500 at the Queensboro Arena.

There was little to choose between the two mittmen as Judges Harold Barnes and Paul Kaiola each scored it even at four rounds and four points apiece. Referee Eddie Joseph dissented in favor of Alvarez, whom he tabbed the winner at six rounds to two, but the majority verdict prevailed.

A rarity around these parts, a flyweight match, pitted two gamecocks from Puerto Rico, Gabriel Rios, 112, and Jose DeMedina, 115, in a six-round bout. Rios, a southpaw, forced the fighting and outpunched his foe all the way.

In the six-round semi-final, Tony DeRosa, 143, Astoria, L. I., spotted Freddie Graham of the Bronx 1¼ pounds and pounded out a decision victory.

Four four-spots rounded out the show, with three ending in kayoes. Tony LaBua, 135½, Ozone Park, L. I., stopped Samuel King, 140¾, Harlem, in 25 seconds of round three; Jim Wright, 152, Wilmington, Del., flattened Jimmy Hicks, 155, Brooklyn, in 1:25 of the second session, and Rollie Horne, 154¼, Valley Stream, L. I., bested Lacey Murphy, 159½, West Side, in a great slugfest, halting Murphy in 2:22 of the third. Just Johnson, 133¼, Brooklyn, defeated Billy Murphy, 137, Brooklyn, despite Billy's great rally in the fourth and final frame.

Forced to the sidelines by an elbow injury, Joe Baksi, 218, Kulpmont, Pa., contender, made his first local appearance in eight months at the Sterling Oval, where he stopped Henry Jones,

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

BULLDOG CAMAGUEYANO of Camaguey and Havana, Cuba, who is battling successfully out of Tampa, proved a veritable hurricane to Jacksonville boxing fans when he beat Floyd Shiftlitt, a game and courageous Georgia lightweight. Shiftlitt put up one of the best fights seen locally and it earned him many friends. It was the best main event fight offered by Promoter Al Nettlow. The program was a benefit affair arranged in behalf of the families of two slain policemen. While the card was a success as far as the fighting went, it was a complete flop as to raising money. In the eight-round semifinal Jackie Blount beat Baby Joe Diaz. The boys are lighties. Jackie Brazeaile, local middleweight, K.O.'ed Jack Loftin in a single round. Ernie Nogues, Tampa lightweight, showed good form in halting Bob Carouthers of Columbia, S.C., in four rounds. Two local youths opened the fight card with a slam bang four-round affair. Featherweights Mickey Dunn and Jimmy Wright fought tooth and nail all the way with Dunn taking the battle.

Elmer "Violent" Ray is being pursued for national heavyweight honors by Tampa's two-fisted Tommy Gomez, and THE RING has Ray in third place with Gomez following in fourth. Never before have two Floridians cropped up this close together and natives of the Sunshine State are following the boys closer than ever.

Waycross, Ga., held another excellent fight card under the Brooks-Morgan promotion. Jackie Brazeaile, Jacksonville middleweight, scored a five-round K.O. over Jack Loftin in a fight that was replete with action. Danny Brazeaile, Jackie's kid brother, decisioned Clayton Salters in six rounds of a welterweight go. Mickey Dunn, good little Jacksonville feather, beat Joey Thomas in a sensational six-round mixer.

There's a hectic rivalry down Miami way between two local youths who are showing before home towners in excellent form. They are Ralph Calautti, 149, and Eddie Boden, 170, both wonderful prospects who have never faced defeat at this writing.

A right uppercut by Chili Cantero, Tampa featherweight, spelled finis for Joey Puig in six rounds at Miami. Bobby Elliot, a nice lightweight prospect from the Magic City, uncorked his lethal wallop upon Bob Rodriquez, Tampa, and the latter went out in the first round. Joe Ferrullo stopped Jerry Arnold in the second heat. They are welters. Frankie Kearney was credited with a two-round kayo over Jack Carter in a middleweight match. Baby Joe Diaz, Tampa, planted Battling Oscar, same city, to sleep in the third round, both lightweights. A kayo card, aye wot?

Dave White, Miami's new boxing promoter, is considered tops by the fight followers down there.

Rene Cantero, Tampa lightweight, was given a three-round T.K.O. over Young Jess Willard in Orlando, Florida. Willard suffered a cut eye midway of the third. Rene and his brother Chili Cantero are two fine prospects, the latter being a featherweight, a division below Rene. They are in solid with Tampa fans.

Floyd Shiftlitt, Georgia lightweight, won decisions over Sid Rochester and Bobby Sylvester, and lost the same way to Al Reid and Bulldog Camagueyano.

Red Cameron, heavyweight from Miami, got a two-round T.K.O. over Billy Williams in the feature bout before home towners. Roy Evans, Tampa middleweight, scored again over Sonny Hope of St. Petersburg in the semifinal of eight rounds. Frankie Fernley, 126, decisioned Tony Scozzo, 128½; Joe Ferrullo, 144, stopped Billy Ham, 137; promising Bobby Elliot, 139, Miami, got a T.K.O. in one over Maxie Turner when the latter tore a ligament in his right arm.

Bobby Britton chalked up a win in Miami, handing Johnny Decker a pasting before the referee, Eddie Coachman, stopped it in the fifth round. The boys are middleweights. Ralph Calautti, 150, local boy, continued his winning ways with a knockout in two rounds over Billy Dixon, Macon 149 pounder. Frank Kearney, 149, took a four-rounder from Joe Ferrullo, 144; Irish Jackie Hogan, 141, drew in six with Sam Sante, 147; and Hal Meredith, 137, scored a T.K.O. in three over Joey Ackerman, 143, of Jacksonville.

Babe Saunders, punching North Carolina middleweight, added the scalp of Harvey Rhoden of Jacksonville, to his list. Saunders scored a knockout in the fourth round to continue on his triumphant sweep.

Joey Raymond, 144, Tampa welterweight, put a 12-pound advantage to good use against Floyd Shiftlitt, 133, of Cartersville, Ga., in Dave White's ten-round feature at Miami Beach.

Ralph Calautti-Jackie Brazeaile co-feature gave Miamians something to talk about. They are middleweights. Calautti, a great favorite and undefeated, almost met his Waterloo at the hands of the Jacksonville middleweight who survived a savage attack that netted Ralph a knockdown. After more slugging and thrills that had the fans cheering wildly, Calautti emerged the winner by a knockout in the fourth round.

Clyde "Flash" Gordon, 17-year-old Jacksonville youngster, weighing 145, had no trouble in belting Ray Jackson for a one-round kayo. Bobby Elliot, another good Miami prospect, 139½, finally put the stubborn Tommy Peavey, 140, Jacksonville, to sleep in the second. Joe Ferrullo, 143, halted Billy Black, 145, in the opening chapter.

Jack Larrimore, veteran Miami welterweight, was knocked out by Morris Reif in Brooklyn. The end came in the fourth round. . . . Rene Cantero, Tampa welter, is also using the name of Manuel Castro in the ring, as in the fight with Billy Petersen.

Talmadge Lee, punching Waycross lightheavy, fought game Kayo Drummond of Jacksonville, in the Brooks-Morgan feature at the first named fighter's home town and the local boy came through with flying colors in scoring a five-round T.K.O. over the Florida boy who pitched in gamely throughout the entire session. Drummond was knocked through the ropes several times and hit the deck a half-dozen times but his courage was not dampened. Both fighters received a great round of applause from the spectators.

In the semi-feature, Odis Nelson, another Waycross product, came to the fore after a slow start to whip Maurice Moody in a four-rounder. Both are middleweights. In Negro battles, Tony Pagin and Kid Harvey went to a draw in four. Willie Newton kayoed Joey Brown in the third heat, and two little Negro twins, nine-year-olds, were very instrumental in entertaining the fans who responded with loud acclaim. The kiddies are the McCormick twins, from Savannah, and both have a good knack for boxing. The entire card was a honey, action and plenty of it.

Pee Wee Flores, Tampa's bantam bomber, laid aside all doubts as to who was the better man between himself and Ray "Sugar" Delgado. For the second time, Flores stopped the classy Delgado. Pee Wee was way ahead when he slammed Ray's eye badly and the bout was halted. The win was called in the second round. Rene Cantero, who also fights now as Manuel Castro, kayoed Irish Eddie Hogan, who likewise fights under a different name, Stackey Rowe. Hogan lost out in the second round. Both are lighties. Baby Joe Diaz, pleasing Cuban feather, forced Frankie Evans to retire in the second. Paul Bustamante took a close win over Battling Oscar in six, and Tony Rojo kayoed Little Paul in three.

Steve Sloneski, Savannah 149 pounder, knocked out Sunny Cotter, 150, of Boston, in the third round at Miami, July 29th. A right to the button was the payoff. The best fight was between Bobby Elliot, Miami, and Hank Roque, Tampa, in the eight-round semi. Elliot won in a hectic battle. Both are lighties. Baby Joe Diaz, Tampa, kayoed Fred or Frankie Evans, Washington, D. C., lightweight, in the third heat. Clyde Templeton, 119, defeated Frankie Fernley, 129, in four. Red Kolonski got a two-round T.K.O. over Bobby Davis in a lightie go. Joe Ferrullo-Charlie McArthy a no-contest.

Babe Saunders, rugged and stiff punching Hendersonville middleweight, put Billy Dyer out in the sixth round at Asheville, N. C., in Ted Ball's first promotional go. It was Babe's fifth kayo in the Carolina city. He won every round from the Savannah boy up to the telling blow. Jack Lisle made up for Savannah by taking a close one from Wade Allison in the six-round semi between welters. Maurice Hammond, 138, drew with Sammy McFall, 129, in a six-rounder. Another six heater resulted in the best fight of the night and went to Georgie Hawes, 134, who outweighed 128-pound Ted Dalton. Boyd Riddle got a T.K.O. in three over Frank Barton. The winner, 140, and the loser, 146.

Before his knockout over Billy Dyer at Asheville, Babe Saunders had chalked a four-round stopper at the expense of Jack Brazeaile of Jacksonville, in the same Carolina town. This Saunders boy can really go and he bears watching. Babe hails from Hendersonville, and is a middleweight.

Eddie Boden, Miami Beach lightheavy, won a ten-rounder from Kayo Garvin of Macon, Ga., in Dave White's feature at the Armory in Miami. Boden has never been defeated. He has won 11 and had one draw, that with heavyweight Red Cameron. Bobby Britton scored a kayo over Johnny Bowden, Jacksonville, in the second. Bobby weighed 158½, Bowden, 165. Hal Meredith, 137, Macon, Ga., fought a good six-round battle with the unbeaten, coming up Miamian, Bob Elliot, 139. The result was a draw. Johnny Decker, 165, kayoed Ted Brown, 158, in the second; Irish Jackie Hogan (Stackey Rowe), 137, won in six over Bascom Bradley, 128.

At Tallahassee, Florida—Young Chino Alvarez, Tampa lightweight boxer, was a six-round knockout winner over Joey Smith of Jacksonville, in the main feature. Baby Chino put the skids on Joey Rodriguez, both Tampans, in the fourth round.

Billy Petersen, a former cowhand from Montanaland scored a kayo over Manuel Castro of Tampa, in the sixth round of their main go at Miami. The ex-cowboy weighed 147, and the loser, 140. Meyer Seigal, 154, got up from the deck in the second round to place Herb Lindsay, 156, there for keeps in the third heat. Clyde "Flash" Gordon, 144, Jacksonville, needed only one round to put an end to Irish Jackie Hogan (Stackey Rowe), 142. Sam Santi, 150, took in a good win over Joe Ferrullo in a sixer. A four-round lightheavy duel went to Al Crowley who beat Bob Youso.

Clyde "Flash" Gordon, youthful 142-pounder from Jacksonville, has registered 39 wins in 43 bouts and has scored 30 knockouts.

Win, lose or draw, this Bulldog Camagueyano, of Camaguey, Cuba, and Tampa, Florida, is a great action provider. He is a handsome, strong lightweight who loves to fight.

Red Cameron, Miami heavyweight, stopped Irish Jimmy Kelley in the eighth at Hollywood, Florida, when Kelley suffered a cut eye in that round. Cameron weighed 189, a pound more than Jimmy. Joe Bellott, 147, stopped Joe Ferrullo, 144, in the third. Bobby Elliot, promising young Miami lightweight, 138, stopped Billy Black, 140, in round two. Frankie Fernley, 130, won a four-round decision over Johnny Bush, same weight.

A remarkable amateur fistic record belongs to Miami's newest fight find, Bobby Elliot, a lightweight, and at present one of the best pro pugilists in the state. He scored 30 knockouts in that number of simon pure battles and as a Marine in the service, he engaged in 16 more tussles and each was a victory, via the kayo way, for him. Now, as a pro, Bobby has something like 13 bouts, with one loss by the T.K.O. route because of a cut eye; one draw and the rest wins, mainly kayoes again.

Clyde Gordon of Jacksonville was awarded a T.K.O. over Billy Petersen in a hectic affair put on by Promoter Dave White at Miami Beach. The end came in the eighth. Gordon was awarded a T.K.O. when Referee Eddie Coachman refused to let Petersen continue. Eddie Boden, Miami lightheavy, added another kayo to his list by disposing of Jimmy Eldridge in the second heat. Roy Evans, Tampa middleweight, continues his good work. He beat Buddy Best in an eight-rounder. Sammy Santi, Miami, 149, took a six-round decision from Charlie McArthy, 150.

Al Reid, South Carolina welter, scored his third win over Hal Meredith when the latter suffered a badly cut eye. The victory came in the third heat. The six-round semi was a draw between Jackie Carroll of Jacksonville, and Billy Dixon. Both boys put up a good fight and some thought Carroll should have been tabbed the winner. Carroll at 140, and Dixon at 145. Al Silas, 149, beat Harry Hamilton, 152; Mickey Dunn, Jacksonville 125-pounder, took a four-heater from Harry Harvey, 120, Savannah, in a good scrap; and the opener between Negro boys went even for Joey Brown and Henry Mobley.

Rene Cantero, Tampa 137-pounder, was given a three-round T.K.O. over Young Jess Willard of Orlando, in the latter's home town, Orlando, Florida. Willard received a cut on his forehead and the bout was stopped. Cantero got a bruise on the same spot. Cantero subbed for Manny Gomez, who was unable to make the date because of laryngitis. Baby Johns, 106, Tampa, was a kayo winner over Mickey Barnhill, 107, Orlando, in the best fight of the night. Kenneth Kidd, 140, won a four-round nod from Killer Varnado, 142. Georgie Rojo, 120, stopped Robert Alonzo, 118, in the second. Billy Kinard, 162, stopped Buster Fraser, 161, in two heats. Battling Oscar, 129, drew with James Varnado, 130, in a four. Rusty Etan, 124, knocked out Little Paul, 122, in round four.

Young Chino Alvarez, with an 11-pound weight disadvantage, still had what it takes to knock out Sonny Cotter in the third round of a welterweight affair. In an eight-rounder, Baby Chino, another of the Alvarez clan, added to the family name by taking a wild slugging bee from Hank Roque in a lightweight clash. Johnny North, 145, threw his pet punches at Maxie Turner with success and Maxie went out in the first canto. Baby Roland, 127, took a four from Young Dado, 126. Al Alonso, 115, kayoed Santiago Kid, 117, in four.

With ten knockdowns scored between the first and fifth rounds over George Fitch of New Haven, Conn., third ranking heavyweight Elmer "Violent" Ray of Hastings, Florida, gained a five-round T.K.O. over the Nutmeg state representative. The bout took place in West Springfield, Mass.

Carroll C. Garretson of Raceland, Kentucky, has been discharged from the forces and is planning to reenter the boxing game. While attending the Oklahoma A. and M., Garretson filled the role as assistant coach. In overseas duty, Carroll did much with the sport and brought out some good prospects, several that are ready to line up with him now. One is a Negro light-heavyweight who beat Freddie Mills in India.

Tony Rojo, 118-pounder from Tampa, under management of Pete Andrews, looks the part of a good prospect. He just scored his seventh

straight kayo in the pro ranks by taking Little Paul in three rounds.

Jack Lazarov, fight promoter and manager from Memphis, Tennessee, has a stable of fighters that will no doubt see heaps of action in Southern rings. Ching Johnson, heavyweight; Dapper Danny Heflin, lightweight; Russ "Baby Face" Wilwhite, welter; and Ralph "Hurricane" Williams, featherweight, are the lads who comprise Lazarov's group and each lad is termed a promising boy in his division. These boys are all Tennessee state champions.

To Frank Nahalka, Franklin, N. J.—Suggest you get Nat Fleischer's latest RING Record Book, Frank. You can get the records of Florida welterweights through this method.

Joey Rhoden, Jacksonville middleweight, is taking a G.I. course down at Lake Wales, and at the same time is doing some boxing. He has several fighters under his wing down there and hopes to build a bigger stable.

There has never been so urgent a plea by Florida sports writers and editors for a State Boxing Commission as there is now.

In one of the very best fight cards held in Savannah by Co-Promoters Buster White, Jr., and Pinkie Lou Masters, a middleweight clash between Babe Saunders and Tommy Gargano will long be remembered. Saunders won the ten-round decision. Eddie Kiernan, Parris Island marine, had his hands full with Jacksonville's Jackie Carroll in a six-rounder. Eddie, with experience at the helm, came back after the second round to deal out the most punishment in another good battle. Both 138. Johnny Britenbruk, another marine, 150 pounds, finally got going to earn a six-round decision over Mel Cameron, 147. Another good Savannah prospect, Elmer Smith, debuted before home towners and won his first pro battle. He stopped Lew Brown in the opening heat. Both are middleweights. Joey Brown, 140-pound Negro scrapper, stopped Willie Lyner, another Negro boy, 137, in round two.

Boxers who would like to show in Florida, and those not under contract can do well by writing to Tom Ephrem, 403 West Ninth Street, Jacksonville 8, Florida. All boxing news and facts of interest will be gladly used in this column, and all questions will be answered immediately.

NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH
By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

SONNY HORNE, Niles, O., middleweight, booked out of Valley Stream, L. I., made his debut here on July 19, winning a decision from Louis Rousse, local in-and-out performer in ten rounds.

In the tenth and final round Rousse had Horne out on his feet. Sonny collapsed when he reached the dressing room. He was removed to the Charity Hospital where he spent two hours before being released. Rousse was dropped twice in the third round by Horne. Sonny won a split decision.

The gate was a big disappointment to Promoter Heard Ragas. They paid off on $2711.39 net. Ragas went in the red on the show.

In the eight-round semi-final, Ben Montalbano, Birmingham, Ala., welterweight, laced Vince Gambill for the second time. Montalbano is a tough customer with fighters of his weight and class. He bids fair to go far in the 147-pound division.

Jock Leslie continues on his winning streak. His latest victim was Sammy Parrotta, Pittsburgh, Pa., who lost by a technical kayo in five rounds to Leslie at Pelican Stadium, July 24. Sammy asked Referee Patsy Boyle to halt the affair when he was bleeding badly from a cut under his left eye.

Promoter Louis Messina staged the Leslie-Parrotta show which drew a net gate of $5285.50. In an added ten-round attraction, Danny Carabello, Puerto Rican light-featherweight decisioned Augie Lapara with ease. Carabello made a big hit in his Dixie ring debut.

Mimmie Adragna, Pittsburgh, Pa., featherweight, won a ten-round decision over Maurice "Lefty" LaChance, Lisbon, Me., one of the most inconsistent featherweights in the game at the Coliseum arena Monday, July 29. LaChance had decisioned Adragna in a ten-rounder here July 1. Promoter Heard Ragas promoted both LaChance-Adragna fights.

Jimmy Hatcher, Lake City, S. C., won easily in ten rounds over Cosby Linson at the Coliseum Arena on July 15. Linson, a 1 to 2 favorite, made one of the poorest fights of his career against the cagey Hatcher.

On August 2, Nick Guagliardo, local Italian French Market welterweight preliminary boy, and Pat Donahue, New Orleans middleweight, who had a nine pounds weight advantage, were billed as main eventers and Donahue stopped Guagliardo in one round. Donahue is also a six-round preliminary boy. It was a local buildup match which drew $5200.00 net.

The Louisiana Athletic Commission should not have sanctioned Guagliardo and Donahue as main bout fighters, with the public paying $1.30, $2.60 and $3.90.

In another eight-rounder, Tommy Ciarlo, once a fair sort of fighter hailing from Connecticut, was the loser by a five-round T.K.O. to Mike Konners, New York, 138-pounder, Konners outclassed Ciarlo all the way. Referee Ashton Donza halted the battle when Ciarlo's left eye was badly cut.

Richard (Young) Polite stopped Walter (Cabey) Lewis, Havana, Cuba, in the feature ten of Promoter Louis Messina's Negro fistic card at Pelican Stadium, July 26, in the fifth round. Polite in his previous start scored a nine round kayo over Melvin Bartholomew, local junior welterweight.

Polite now seeks a chance at Johnny Bratton or some other star.

Bernard Docusen, New Orleans Filipino, Southern lightweight champion, managed by Otis Guichet and Barney Geigerman, spent one week here after stopping Leon Haire, in six rounds at St. Louis, Mo., Docusen in his Brooklyn, N. Y., debut, July 1, stopped Jorge Morelia in two rounds.

Pot Shots—Allen LaCombe, New Orleans ex-soldier, is now promoting fights at Port Sulphur, La. Lew Raymond made a trip to New York to sign up talent and witness the Docusen-Morelia and Willie Joyce-Danny Kapilow fights. Al Kearney, New Orleans, former Southern welterweight champion, accompanied Raymond to Gotham for Al's first visit to Broadway.

TAMPA AND VICINITY
By VELASQUES

TOMMY GOMEZ, local heavyweight star, is now campaigning in and around New York and may soon be up there on top as a leading challenger for the title. Gomez, weighing 182, appeared in a three-round exhibition against Jimmy Kelley, Chicago, before a crowd of 500 spectators at Port Tampa. Gomez punched Kelley around showing more speed than usual. In other exhibition bouts, Blondy Baggett, 135, tangled with Frank Kelley, 140, and Tommy Strickland, 90, met Benny Webb.

Jack Larrimore was stopped again, this time by Morris Reif, at New York. Jack, a sickly looking light welter, would do well to hang up the gloves and call it quits as he has been on the losing end through the past year.

Pee Wee Flores, Tampa, stopped Ray Delgado, Havana, in two rounds. Flores won without barely a glove having been laid on him. This was their third meeting with Delgado holding a K.O. win in previous matches. . . . Rene Cantero, Havana, knocked out Irish Jackie Hogan, Miami, in two rounds, belting his opponent out in the second with a hard smash to the body. . . . Baby Joe Diaz, Havana, punched too hard and often for Frankie Evans, Washington, D. C., Evans had to call it quits after the second round. . . . Tony Rojo, Tampa, knocked out Little Paul, Tampa, in three rounds and Paul Bustamante, Tampa, won a very close decision over Battling Oscar, Tampa, in six rounds.

Young Chino Alvarez, Tampa, scored an easy three-round knockout over Sonny Cotter. Cotter had little to offer and was dropped three times in the third round. . . . Baby Chino and Hank Roque, both of Tampa, put on a fast eight-rounder with Chino getting a close decision although Roque was the winner of four rounds, with Chino taking three and one a draw. A fourth round knockdown was enough to give Chino the edge. . . . John North, Frostproof, scored a T.K.O. over Max Turner, St. Petersburg, after one minute of the first round. Turner suffered a badly cut eye and had to retire. . . . Baby Roland knocked out Young Dado in four rounds and Al Alonzo surprised by knocking out the Santiago Kid.

Tommy Gomez has scored 43 knockouts, eight wins and one draw, and has been knocked out twice, Tommy Tucker stopping him in two rounds and Buddy Scott in seven rounds.

FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO
By ED HACKLEY

IN Toledo's first pro show in months three Toledoans came through with thrilling wins. A packed house witnessed the offerings, and were rewarded with what was probably one of the best cards ever shown here.

In the headline bout, Ace Miller flashed the best form that he has ever shown in this territory in getting revenge over Eddie Smith of Rochester for a defeat administered here almost a year ago. The Ace looked unbeatable as he capitalized on every break. He paced himself beautifully, outguessing and outmaneuvering Eddie at every turn. Miller led all the way, although his margin was narrow in every round. Smith, for his part, fought by throwing punches in a steady barrage. He finished stronger than when he started, but the Ace was in great form and not to be denied.

Perry Mason, erstwhile southpaw, met a Tartar in Willie Jeter in a six-rounder. Both boys were in trouble in a hectic first round. They emerged for an equally furious second, in which Mason staggered his foe three times, but failed to follow up. His unfamiliar right-handed stance seemed to take away much of his former confidence and he missed many opportunities. In the third, Mason emerged from a furious exchange badly dazed, with an eye cut that hampered him throughout the rest of the fight. He was able to finish the round by reverting to his southpaw style.

Jeter picked at Mason's bad eye until the middle of the round when Mason seemed to suddenly pull himself together. He switched back to his right-handed stance again, and staggered Jeter with several hard one-two punches.

The fifth round found him smashing through Jeter's defense for a clean knockout. Fighting as a right-hander is obviously new to Mason, and he looks awkward, but his punching is more dangerous than ever.

Nello Nucelli, Rochester lightweight, lost an unpopular decision to Johnny Varcy in another hotly-contested six.

Henry Smith, Eddie's brother, swarmed all over Steve Bellus for a third round K.O.

Buddy Mays, Toledo amateur star, made his pro debut in a thrilling four-round bout by decisioning Harold Thomas of Detroit.

The Amvets of this city are planning to operate in the amateur boxing field, with their first show scheduled for early August. The writer will serve as matchmaker for this club, and any amateur teams in the vicinity are urged to get in touch with me. Address all mail to Ed Hackley, 71 Brand Whitlock Homes, Toledo 2, Ohio.

CANADIAN TOPICS
By LAWSON BAMPTON

THIS is our 20th anniversary as the custodian of this pillar. Time sure marches on—in its own inexorable fashion. Our chief, Nat Fleischer, a little thinner-thatched but still the same vibrant, peppery personality thumping away merrily on the keys and dashing from here to there and back again in his office and outside, too. A shining example of the joy of living, that apparently ageless chief of ours, so it seemed to us when we dropped in last month during our vacation. He has a bigger staff there now, as is inevitable with the growth of THE RING, and a grand gang, too. Well, it's time we got down to starting off our 21st year of Canadian news and notes.

Harry Hurst hammered out knockout victories on a pair of Stade Exchange shows staged by Raoul Godbout and Jack Rogers. Billy Napper of Boston must have been caught napping when they signed him to meet the hard-hitting Hurst, for he took quite a shellacking and never had a chance, bowing out in three rounds. Ralph Walton, Negro local boy, was Hurst's next opponent. It was a good fight with Walton getting an early lead but the Hurst power was too much and Walton was finally stretched out for the count in the sixth after being floored several times.

In the Hurst-Napper semi-final, Hubert Gagnier wasted little time with Chuck Ackworth, connecting with a short hook to the jaw after a few exchanges and Ackworth was out in the first of a scheduled eight-rounder. In the Hurst-Walton semi-final Jasper O'Hanley and Gaby Ferland battled to an eight-round draw.

STRAY SHOTS . . . Danny Webb impressed with his power and ringcraft when he shellacked gallant Joey Dolan of Spokane, Wash., in a hard-fought eight-round headliner at Fort Hamilton. . . . the little Montreal Negro is very aggressive, keeps within range continually, crowding all the time . . . always looking for openings but sometimes gets careless, as he did in third round with Dolan, and runs into a real shot . . . he got floored that time but then started opening up in earnest and soon floored Dolan, having him on the verge of a knockout from then on . . . however, the game Dolan was dangerous, firing whistling rights that spelled "K.O." if they'd connected cleanly. . . . Danny tired trying to blast Dolan out. Dolan's punches took some of the steam out of him, too. . . . Webb was slower than we had figured he would be but a couple of more fights and a little less weight should do the trick . . . he scaled 130 but at 126-7 he should be a real standout. . . .

It was a regular "Old Home Week" for Montrealers that night. . . . Sammy Zellman, a greatly improved performer over his last showing in Montreal, staged a corking good scrap but lost a close decision to Joe DiSosa in the eight-round semi-final. . . . In one of the prelims Marcel Fournier set a blazing pace, fired a flock of right hands but the judges declared his tall opponent, Lou Costich, the winner . . . it was booed long and loud. . . . Referee Paul Martin voted for Fournier.

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FIGHTS IN PHOENIX
By LARRY JONAS

NAT FLEISCHER'S piece in the July issue of THE RING on the sad state of the Phoenix Boxing Commission, set off a series of arguments that has the local press still smarting. To begin with, those on the Commission "cleared" themselves of all charges by declaring that the editor of THE RING was not cognizant of the Phoenix boxing situation and therefore was hardly in a position to say what he did.

The fact that Mr. Fleischer had cited specific violations of the boxing rules, namely that referees were not to be intimidated or coerced by the Commission, was ignored in the Commission's inept argument. To further consolidate the position of the local fistic moguls, the high potentate of the Commission immediately issued a dictum barring all newspapermen from the press section of the fight arena. One week later your reporter's press pass was confiscated because of dispatches "inimical" to the local Commission.

Just how long such shocking instances of the violation of a free press can continue is a matter of conjecture. Whether local boxing is to be conducted for the benefit of the public or is to be the personal charge of a power-mad Commission is a matter that must be determined promptly if boxing is to survive in Phoenix.

Mayor Ray Busey has already been appraised of the situation by local sports writers and has promised to liberate and cleanse boxing. The mayor promises the appointment of a new nine-man Commission that will be truly representative of the Phoenix sports public. The Commission would include a Negro and a Mexican among its members, two appointments that would meet with high favor by most Phoenicians.

Phoenix needs a new Commission—of vision, to conduct its boxing affairs.

Chino Alonzo, Chinese-Mexican, returned to the local ring wars after a long layoff and, after stiffening a setup in his first appearance, was matched with Folly Villegas. Alonzo weighed in at 132 and Villegas scaled 135½ for their eight-round main event, which produced plenty of slam-banging. After sending Villegas to the canvas in the first for a 9 count, Alonzo lost his effectiveness, although he was in there swinging until the final bell. The judges called the scrap a draw.

On the same card, Lee Sherman, 124, K.O.'ed Billy Heard in the second round. Heard weighed 128. Ramon Contreras, 142½, won the nod over Billy Shelton, 143, when the latter was disqualified in the second round, by order of the boxing commission, for using a rabbit punch. The referee meekly followed instructions and gave the fight to Contreras, who was as surprised as anybody else in the arena at the decision. In what was laughingly billed as a "fight" between bantamweights Alex Rivers and Joe Navarez, Referee Ray Martinez walked off, literally, with the limelight. After warning the "fighters" in the first round to get some power behind their punches, Referee Martinez simply stepped out of the ring in the third canto and left it to the announcer to declare the contest "no fight." The most amusing bout on the card was the setup between heavyweights Tommy Gunns and Battling Sykes, who scaled only 171 pounds. Sykes ran around the ring for two minutes before accidentally walking into one of Gunn's taps and went down for the count.

Spider Jensen, whose manager is the wife of the late actor, Alan Dinehart, fought a draw with El Tigre de Cananea. The lightweights were matched over the eight-round route and El Tigre won as he pleased, but the judges thought otherwise.

On the same card, bantamweights William Heard and Noble Johnson fought to a four-round draw, and Alex Rivers, 127, defeated Milo Leyvas, 138, in another four-round farce. Johnny Moran, 151, knocked out Willie Williams in the fourth. Chino Alonzo, 136, chilled Sal Sanchez, 133, in the first.

Charlie Salas's second local appearance against Chief Crazy Horse found him a better fighter than in their first encounter. This time Charlie was given a draw. Weighing 141, Salas gave away five pounds to the Chief. In the other bouts Willie Williams, 155, scored a T.K.O. over Slugger Harrison, 161. Cowboy Doug Smith, 161, chalked up his third consecutive local K.O. by stopping Frank Antuna, 165, in the fourth. Alex Peralta and Billy Sparks, both scaling 118, fought a six-round draw. Billy Shelton, 144, took the duke from Bobby Garcia, 142, in four.

Joe Ruiz, who was big news around these parts for a while, crossed mitts with Frank Cerna and finished on his back in the second round. A short, hard hook proved Ruiz's downfall, after he had swarmed all over Cerna in the first. Both boys are middleweights.

On the same bill, Cowboy Doug Smith, 161, K.O.'ed Charlie Bazan, 167, in the fourth. It was one of the worst farces ever palmed off as a prize fight. Billy Sparks, 130, drew with Joe Navarez, 123, in the four-round curtain raiser, and Alex Rivers, 130, flattened George Mason, 123, in the second round of another scheduled four-rounder.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY
By MAX YEARGAIN

DURING the past month there was very little activity in professional boxing in this section with one fight staged in Kansas City and the other in Topeka.

In Kansas City's Municipal Auditorium, July 17, a crowd of 2314 who paid $4703.62 saw Roy Miller, Henry Armstrong's protege, give Wild Bill McDowell, Dallas middleweight, a terrific beating, stopping the Texan in the eighth round. Levi Southall, lanky welterweight and another fighter of the Armstrong stable, needed only 1:18 to down Buster Baker of Miami, Fla., in the first round.

Jackie Darthard, devastating Kansas City welterweight, needed only 2:43 to down Tommy Graham of Wichita, in the initial round. Edmund Carr, Kansas City lightweight, scored a technical knockout in 1:29 over Russ Moore of Kansas City. Bobby Jarvis, Kansas City lightweight, outpointed Mickey Travis, Oklahoma City, in six rounds.

At the Topeka, Kans., new Municipal Auditorium, your correspondent staged a card that broke all summer records, August 2, when 3500 filed through the gates to see Ray Augustus, 170, Topeka, knock out Jimmy Simmons, 178½, Detroit, in 2:43 in the first round. Augustus, who was selected by THE RING Magazine before the war as the best light-heavyweight of the month, flashed his old form. In the semi-final, "Walloping" Bill Jackson, 212, Topekan, who won the St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* Golden Gloves tournament in 1944 from George Gallas while stationed at Jefferson Barracks, scored his fourth straight knockout since turning pro, stopping Frank "Cyclone" Lynch, 208, Denver, in 2:12 in the second round of a scheduled eight-rounder.

Derby Dan, 173, Chicago, knocked out Oscar Lee Wilkins, 167½, Topeka, in 2:12 of the sixth round. Claude Sullard, 141, Wichita, won a T.K.O. over Roy Cox, 136, New Orleans, in 2:43 of the third round. Duke Andrews, 132, Topeka, outpointed Tommy Graham, 138, Wichita, four rounds.

Heard here and there: Out Omaha way Tex Boddie, lanky Negro, has chalked up nine straight wins and is a great attraction in his home town and Council Bluffs. Frankie Garcia, former featherweight of some years back, has a colorful attraction in Francisco De La Cruz, Mexican heavyweight, who is touring this section. Jackie Lyons, clever light-heavyweight, has shown much improvement since Heavyweight Buddy Scott, now residing at Oklahoma City, took the good looking Lyons over. Never a day passes that Nat Fleischer's 1946 RING Record Book doesn't come in handy. Al Vélez, El Paso light-heavyweight, will return to Kansas this fall. Derby Dan continues to win. Jackie Darthard, Kansas City welterweight, is the hardest puncher to come out of the Golden Gloves in a long time. Jimmy Casino back in Los Angeles following his tour of the Midwest. Deacon Logan still winning in the middleweight division.

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JABS FROM ST. LOUIS AND VICINITY
By BUS BURKE

AT ST. LOUIS'S air-conditioned Kiel Auditorium, Hans Bernstein gave the St. Louis fight fans the thrill of the month when he pitted Leon Haire of Philly (formerly of St. Louis) against the ring-wise Bernard Docusen of New Orleans and Docusen won all of the way. In the fifth round Haire pounded his chin at will and had Docusen on Queer Street for a time. But just as it became evident that the New Orleans boy was in trouble, he rallied and clipped Haire with a right hand that spun the Philadelphian completely around.

In the sixth round Docusen let go with a left hook that dropped the likable Haire for the count in 2:26.

In the semi-windup, it was Jackie Dicker who stole the show when he punched out a six-round decision after dropping his opponent, Bobby Jarvis, in the fourth for the nine-count.

The attendance at this show was 2346 with gross receipts being $4499.20.

On the next card—Main Event—Bernard Docusen, New Orleans, 137, K.O.'ed Leon Haire, Philadelphia, 134, in the sixth. Semi-windup—Jackie Dicker, St. Louis, 125½, outpointed Bobby Jarvis, Kansas City, 129, in six.

Other bouts—Eddie Dames, St. Louis, 127, drew with Howard Jackson, Kansas City, 125, in six. Johnny Tabbs, St. Louis, 147, K.O.'ed Johnny Roche, Scott Field, 144, in the first. Roy Cox, St. Charles, 140½, defeated Otha Brandon, St. Louis, 141, by decision in four.

Kansas City, Mo.—Jimmy Bull of St. Louis scored a first-round K.O. over Jimmy Edwards of Oklahoma. Both middleweights.

Derby Dan, St. Louis light-heavy, turned out the lights of Bob Johnson, another St. Louisian, in one stanza. Ora Smith took two rounds to catch up with R. J. Winkler and administer the sleep potion.

These three early round K.O. artists are managed by James Booker of St. Louis and are cared for in their corners by Joe Alivastro.

Harry Eagles, who at one time was co-promoter and matchmaker in St. Louis, and who went from here to Kansas City to promote, is once more with us. Since taking up residence again in St. Louis Eagles has remained inactive as pertains to any promotional activities.

Poplar Bluff, Mo., tossed its hat into the fistic circle with its first pro boxing show which was sponsored by the American Legion Post No. 153. In the top spot was Nicky Sanders the St. Louis bantam, against Belleville's Charlie Stacker. The bout was scheduled for eight stanzas but only reached the fifth before Stacker ran out of gas and Nicky won with a K.O. over the east side boy. Stacker had Sanders in a bad way in the first and third rounds but could not tuck him in for the evening.

In the semi-windup spot it was Iggy Paige, 134, of St. Louis, and Oliver Johnson, 131, of Webster Groves, who battled to a torrid six-round draw.

The lone prelim brought together Cal Pritchett, 142, of Poplar Bluff, and Otha Brandon, 143, of St. Louis. The bout was won by Pritchett in five fast rounds via the decision route. Brandon was dropped three times in the five rounds for counts by the left hooking Pritchett.

While on the subject of "Prospects" the impressive Freddie Latson has traveled a long way through the land of pugilism this past year. Latson was used in three consecutive semi-windups in Kansas City last spring. In each appearance Latson was impressive.

RIGHT CROSSES—Hans Bernstein recently paid a visit to New York, the eastern mecca of all boxers. Let's hope that something good shapes up out of this eastern trip for our fall and winter Bernstein boxing promotions. Our most heartfelt sympathies to E. L. Robinson, the St. Louis fight manager, who in recent weeks lost his wife. Ed Leary, St. Louis's newest fight promoter, has redecorated the Central Gym.

Bob Foxworth, the East Side mauler, won his second pro start when he outpointed Jack Hill of Bloomington, Ill., in eight rounds at Chicago. On the same card Jim McDonald, 190, of East St. Louis, stopped Columbus Mitchell, 185, of Chicago, in the first round of a four-round prelim.

George Wilsman, the dean of St. Louis fight managers is talking about Jack (Zip) Feller, who was recently discharged from the army and tips the beam at 190 pounds of fighting flesh.

News of interest to readers of this column must reach the writer no later than the last of the month. Send items to Bus Burke, 601 St. Louis St., De Soto, Missouri. I would also like to receive autographed pictures to add to my fast-growing collection of prominent fighters. Fighters and managers wishing to contact St. Louis promoters get in touch with the writer.

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

TWELVE thousand, four hundred and seventeen Honolulu boxing fans had the rare opportunity of seeing Manuel Ortiz, bantamweight champion of the world, knock out David Kui Kong Young, number one contender, in the seventh of a scheduled 10-round non-title match. The fight was held outdoors at the Honolulu Stadium. With precedent-setting $6.25 tops for ringside seats and $1.50 charged for general admission tickets, the gross receipts amounted to a record-breaking $38,077.25.

The fight was one of the most thrilling brawls witnessed here in a long time. After feeling each other out in the first round, which Young won by doing most of the leading, the champion suddenly came to life in the second and floored Young with a steaming right in the middle of a hot exchange. Young took a six count before coming up.

Both boys went to town in the third. They started in at close quarters. This proved to be the turning point of the fight. Ortiz is one of the greatest infighters in the game. Young landed a couple of well-timed lefts which slowed up Ortiz temporarily but just before the round ended the Mexican fighter opened up and floored Young again.

The fourth, fifth and sixth rounds were repetitions of the third with Ortiz gradually gaining the upper hand. Young tired badly and took a terrific beating from the champion's constant body blows. In the sixth Ortiz was no longer protecting himself from Young's weak punches but just waited for an opportunity to finish the fight.

The end came suddenly just a few seconds before the seventh ended. Ortiz found the opening he was waiting for and landed half a dozen lefts and rights in rapid succession. This was followed by a well timed right and the fight was over.

Ortiz weighed 122½, against Young's 123.

Other results: Gene Ronstadt, 144¾, undefeated locally, kept up his winning ways by gaining a TKO over Joe Collins, 146, in the third.

Wayne Powell, 170, knocked out Bill Vasas, 181, in the third.

Andy Kim, 146⅞, K.O.'ed Frankie Kane, 156, in the first.

Tommy Umeda, 126¾, repeated over Kid Waianae, 126, by winning a 4-round decision.

Shangy Tsukano, 151½, knocked out Johnny Johnson, 147⅞, in the third.

Tsuneshi Maruo, 121⅞, had no trouble disposing of Mariano Lucas, 120¾, in the first.

In the Civic Auditorium Dado Marino, world's leading contender for the flyweight title, and Anki Hoshijo drew 4811 customers who paid $6,901.75. Marino played with his inexperienced opponent. In the fourth he floored Hoshijo with a left to the mid-section. He could have finished the fight then and there had he followed his advantage. However, the bout went the distance with Marino winning every one of the six rounds. Marino weighed 117 against Hoshijo's 119½.

Other results: Richard Asato, 141¼, knocked out Joe Collins, 146¾, in the third.

Jose Onacanim, 114¾, beat Tiger Rosa, 115¾, in five rounds.

Thomas Lee, 156⅛, lost decision to Willie Vega, 165, in four.

Masa Hanagami, 117¾, K.O.'ed Mariano Lucas, 120¾, in the second.

In the 4-round opener Robert Takeshita, 136, knocked out Johnny Ropedo, 138, in the second.

As they were wont to do in prewar days, stateside grapplers are flocking again to Honolulu shores. Main reason for this of course is financial. Wrestling has become so popular with the Islanders that every Sunday night they pack the civic auditorium to capacity. Because of this, Promoter Al Karasick is able to make attractive offers to the nation's leading professionals who hurry off to hulaland as soon as they can pack their belongings.

Latest arrivals here are Johnny Stiles, Tex Porter and Stan Skieski. Blond Johnny who calls Columbus, Ohio, his home, is fast becoming one of Honolulu's most popular wrestlers. When Stiles was matched with Wimpy Wilington, a rough houser of the first order, Wimpy thought he had a soft touch. But he got the surprise of his life. Johnny won the match with ease by use of the roughest stuff seen here in many months.

Tex Porter, Seattle lumberjack, prides himself on being rough and tough. He had already beaten Wimpy Wilington, Billy Venable, Scarlet Pimpernal and holds a draw against the one and only Lee Grable.

Stan Skieski is no newcomer to Honolulu. He was one of the top attractions during the war years. Judging from his latest matches he's still about the best villain to show here.

Another local athlete has turned to professional grappling. Zivko Sumonovich, former policeman, recently made his debut and surprised everybody by flattening Buck Lee in short order. Zivko immediately established himself as the fans' favorite. He is handsome and what a physique.

The Scarlet Pimpernal will have to defend his Hawaiian title before long. He is being called all kinds of names by people like Tex Porter, Jimmy Gonsolves, Lee Grable, Stan Skieski, Vilai Su'a, etc. All of them, and especially Grable, are deserving challengers. Grable, Pacific coast junior light-heavyweight champion, is very eager to add another notch to his belt. He has beaten nearly everyone in sight.

Boxing: An outdoor boxing card featuring local K.O. artist, Yasu Yasutake and Richie Shinn from San Francisco in eight rounds, drew a large gate of $23,711.00 and a crowd of 10,856 fans, on July 18th at the Honolulu Stadium. Richie Shinn, who has already beaten Adolph Samuels and Billy James, had things pretty much his own way and won seven of the eight rounds. One round was judged even. Two knockdowns of no count in the first and fifth rounds were scored against Yasutake.

Yasutake came in at 132⅛, while Shinn's weight was announced at 132⅞.

Other results: Val Alvarado, 116, was lucky to get a draw against Gus Rosa, 122¼, in the six-round semi-final.

Carl Olson, 163, T.K.O.'ed Trader Horn, 158, in the second round.

Eddie Salazar lost via T.K.O. to Robert Takeshita. Lightweights, 4 rounds.

Eddie Reyes won easily over Kid Waialua in 4 rounds. Featherweights.

Young Tino K.O.'ed Mariano Lucas in the first of the four-round opener. Bantam.

A small crowd of 2799 fans paid $4318.75 to witness Carl Olson, 166¾, an up-and-coming middleweight, chalk up his 14th straight win by knocking out John Boski, 171⅝, in the 4th round in the main event at the Civic Auditorium. The show was promoted by Moe Lipton in the absence of his partner, Leo Leavitt.

Originally scheduled for the main event was the Johnny Perry-Henry Davis return bout which had to be cancelled when Davis, claiming illness, walked out at the last minute. An examination by the Boxing Commission's physician failed to substantiate his claim. As a result Henry Davis is now on the indefinitely suspended list.

Olson out-conditioned Boski. For the first three rounds there was very little to choose between the two fighters. Boski landed some good blows to the head and made a fight of it while he lasted, but Olson shook them off and kept boring in, concentrating a steady left hooking attack to Boski's mid-section, which finally took its toll in the middle of the 4th round. In this round Boski, too weary to defend himself, took two lefts to the stomach and a right to the head before taking the full count.

Other Results:

In the semi-final, Eddie Silva, 121, upset Val Alvarado, 120.

Robert Takeshita, 137½, kept his K.O. record intact by knocking out Herbert Pereira, 138½, in the first.

William Caesar, 130, decisioned Masao Suzuki, 128, in 4.

Mariano Dias, 135, had no trouble disposing of Little Hufano, 130, in the first.

In the 4-round opener, Leo Tolentino, 124½, took two rounds to kayo Willie O'Compo, 129½.

IN SYRACUSE RINGS

By BILLY SHAW

A BANNER crowd of 5,391 paid $10,322.89 to view a disappointing ten-round battle between Carman DeJohn, Syracuse middleweight, and Cleve Bailey, Vineland, N. J., Negro, July 26, at MacArthur Stadium. Co-promoters Ken Molloy and Tony Bersani got out in front, financially speaking, but the action failed to please the fans. Against Bailey, a burly bruiser with a mauling style and heavy punch, Carman had to fight cautiously. Had Carman cut loose in his usual style, Bailey might have exploded a kayo wallop on him. DeJohn weighed 163, Bailey 164½ pounds.

The other bouts provided the action. Cliff Hart, up-and-coming Syracuse Blond Bomber, nosed out Georgie Teague, Buffalo, in the best bout of the night. Only a four-rounder, it was worth the price of admission. Teague was tough and made it close. Jeff Clanton, 185, Buffalo, all but wiped the deck with Billy Papoutis, 176¾, Cleveland Greek, in the six-round semi. Les Petway, 126, Vineland, N. J., knocked out Frankie Simpson, 131½, Syracuse, in the fourth round. Simpson had scored four straight knockouts until he met Petway.

Billy Oden, 168, Syracuse, beat Johnny Bassett, 172, Lou Amber's protege, in a four-rounder. Nick Barone, 173, Syracuse, kayoed the much knocked-out Eddie McGee, 166, Syracuse, in the second round of what was to have been the four-round curtain-raiser.

Rome put on a two-day Welcome Home to the Veterans, topped by a monster boxing show the second night, in which celebrities by the score appeared. Nat Fleischer, editor and publisher of THE RING, was on hand, introduced by Sam Taub who truthfully said: "Nat is the man who has done more for boxing than any other person." Taub introduced also: Gus Lesnevich, world's light-heavyweight champion; Bernie Reynolds, Gus's 21-year-old light-heavyweight protege from Fairfield, Conn., Arturo Godoy, South American heavyweight champ; Chalky Wright, former world's featherweight champion; Artie Levine, Brooklyn middleweight; Charles Frick, New York; Charlie Smith, Trenton; Chet Vinci, Tommy Rotolo, Tony Vero and Cozy Storace, all of Rome.

Others called to the ring were: Dewey Fragetta, New York's widely known manager; Homer Folio, Stamford, Conn., who handles Vero; Joe Vella, Lesnevich's manager; Al Ridgeway, Gus's trainer; Nick Florio, New York trainer; Morris Weill, son of Al Weill, Tony Storace and Stan Evans, members of the committee who arranged the affair. Boxing exhibitions between Chalky Wright and Charlie Smith, Tony Vero and Artie Levine, Cozy Storace and Charlie Frick and Godoy and Sandy McPherson, completed the program.

Frankie Best of Fredonia, 164¾, outpointed Bobby Giles, Buffalo, 160½, in an eight-round star bout at MacArthur Stadium, July 11. A crowd of 3,020 laid out $5,800 to see the show, again proving Syracuse a red-hot fight town where fighters of the caliber being used here draw real money. The DeJohn-Bailey show followed this one and doubled and better, at the box-office. The new club has not had very good luck with its main events, for this one also was slow and tame. The prelims were a rousing success.

Otis Walker, 144, Syracuse, took the six-round decision over Young Chappie, 141, Albany slugger, in a Pier 6 classic. Willie Davis, 171½, a new Syracuse resident, outpunched Tony De Micco, 174, Troy, in a fast six-rounder. Frankie Simpson, 137, Syracuse, starched Billy Phillips, 140, Albany, in 58 seconds. Cliff Hart, 148, Syracuse's ace drawing card, stopped Vic Belanger, 151, Utica, in two. George Hayes, 149, Rochester, clowned his way to a booed decision over Bud Scouten, 148½, Binghamton, in four rounds.

At Johnson City, N. Y.: Joe Matisi, 200, Endicott, held Gunnar Barlund, 202, Helsinki, Finland, to a draw, in the ten-round feature bout at Johnson Field. Other bout results: Jeff Clanton, 182, Buffalo, technically kayoed Wade Chancey, 194, Syracuse (4); Chuck Bellinger, 132½, Valley Stream, L. I., technically kayoed Johnny Rowe, 134, Rochester (4); Ronald Horne, Valley Stream, 157, kayoed Andy Hetlin, 158, Scranton (3); Cliff Hart, 150½, Syracuse, stopped Bud Scouten, 151, Binghamton (1); Hal Arrington, 129, Binghamton, kayoed Charles Doughty, 130, Valley Stream (3); Jay Widener, 159, Rochester, stopped Art Gregg, 155, Buffalo (2).

Other bouts around and about: Troy, N. Y., July 22; Artie Depietro, 138½, Brooklyn, decisioned Paulie Jackson, 134½, Reading, Pa., in 10 rounds. Irish Mickey Canty, 148, Springfield, Mass., beat Billy Brent, 160, Syracuse (6); Jim Rouse, 175, Albany, outpointed Willie Davis, 176, Syracuse (6); George Vrooman, 161½, Schenectady, beat Billy Oden, 167, Syracuse (6).

At Albany, N. Y., July 29, Norman Rubio, 147½, Albany, outpointed Georgie Smith, 143, New York (10).

At Utica, N. Y., July 3: Tommy Rotolo, 141, Rome, awarded the decision over Chico Barrado, 144, Mexico (8); Howie Brodt, 147, Chadwicks, knocked out Joe Relich, 140½, New York (1); Len Taglia, 151, Utica, decisioned Johnny Shepherd, 142, Cleveland (8); Mickey De Berry, 165, Amsterdam, drew with Billy Brent, 149½, Syracuse (6); Jackson Bradley, 168, Buffalo, outpointed Jerry Forlano, 167, Utica (6); Frankie Simpson, 132, Syracuse, stopped Al Lemereaux, 130, Schenectady (2).

At Troy, N. Y., July 9: Wayland Douglas, 142, Hartford, Conn., knocked out Mike Conners, 140½, Brooklyn, in the fifth of a scheduled ten-round windup. Other bouts: Ad Hunter, 135, Worcester, T.K.O. over Henry Briere, 135, Putnam, Conn. (4); Jackson Bradley, 168, Buffalo, decisioned George Frederico, 158, Schenectady (6); Billy Brent, 158½, Syracuse, outscored Earl Taylor, 157, Albany (6); Glen Massey, 142½, Buffalo, T.K.O.'ed Fritzie Moore, 146, Albany (2).

At Binghamton, N. Y., July 17 (Kalurah Temple)—Adam Spencer, San Francisco heavyweight, lost a rough 8-round bout to Sandy McPherson, New York. Other bouts: Tommy Taylor, 130, Syracuse, stopped Marcel Fournier, 130, Montreal (2); Tony De Micco, 175, Troy, scored a T.K.O. over Midget Doyle, 167, Garfield, N. J. (5); Johnny Rowe, 134, Rochester, beat Bobby Root, 131, Garfield, N. J. (6); Bud Scouten, 147, Rochester, outslammed George Hayes, 150, Rochester (4).

At Utica, N. Y., July 18: Willie Scott, 152, Augusta, Ga., was awarded a three-round T.K.O. over Howie Brodt, 150, Chadwicks, when Brodt suffered a bad cut over the eye. Contest was halted by Referee Lou Marks over the frantic pleas of Brodt who begged to continue. Johnny Shepherd, 143, Cleveland, lost an unpopular decision to Chet Vinci, 144, Rome, in a slam-bang semi-final. Tony De Micco, 175, Troy, beat Jackson Bradley, 171, Buffalo (6); Vic Belanger, 150, Utica, stopped Henry Robinson, 150, Philadelphia (5); Joey Kushner, 127, Syracuse, decisioned Don Aiken, 124, Utica (4); Billy Oden, 166, Syracuse, outpunched Johnny Bassett, 172, Herkimer (4).

As we go to press the following flash comes from Utica (Aug. 2): Len Taglia, 150, Utica, outpointed Willis Scott, 152½, Augusta, Ga. (8).

TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

BRITISH heavyweight champion Bruce Woodcock knocked out Albert Renet of France on July 28 in the sixth round of a bout that was billed as a European heavyweight title fight.

A capacity crowd of 8,000 saw the southpaw French heavyweight titleholder draw blood from Woodcock's nose in the fourth round, before the Englishman opened up. Then he floored Renet for a count of eight and repeated this punishment in the fifth.

Renet took long counts twice in the sixth round but each time got back on his feet. The second time up Woodcock measured him for a right and the groggy Frenchman folded up for keeps. The bout had been scheduled for fifteen rounds and was staged at the Belle Vue, Manchester.

Woodcock came in at 195½ pounds while Renet weighed 173 pounds two ounces.

The triumph assured approval of Woodcock's contract with Promoter Solomons to fight Gus Lesnevich, world light-heavyweight champion, on September 17. This was Woodcock's twenty-sixth victory in twenty-seven pro bouts. His only loss was a knockout at the hands of Tami Mauriello of the Bronx in New York last May.

Jackie Paterson of Scotland, world's flyweight champion, surprised fans, sports writers, and those generally supposed to be in the know, when he not only came in at the flyweight limit for his world's title go with Joe Curran, of Liverpool, but also won with ease over the full fifteen rounds course, when the prediction had been that even if he had made the weight, it would have weakened him so that he would not have been able to last the distance.

At the weigh-in in the afternoon, Curran was 111 lbs., and an air of tense expectancy seemed to abound as Paterson mounted the scales. The needle reached the 112-lbs. mark, and then stayed put. Paterson had made it, and it might be added, looked fitter than he has for some time.

As for the contest itself, staged before a 50,000 crowd, at Hampden Park, Glasgow, Scotland, it was extremely dull and far below the standard expected in a world's title match.

Paterson forced the contest all the way, while Curran was unimpressive, and dull to the extreme. So much so that in the third round, the referee, Mr. Moss Deyong, halted the contest to instruct Curran to put a little more pep into his work.

Paterson kept up his attack, and Curran tried hard to give a little more, but somehow he just couldn't seem to get into his stride, and the little Scot continued to pile up the points, until at the close, there was no doubt as to the winner.

Curran's eyes showed signs of wear and tear around the eleventh session, which proved the most exciting round of the fight. Both lads rushed from their corners at the gong, and proceeded to slug for a while. But soon the lads settled down to their old game of hit and run, and it was on this note that the bout ended.

In a ten rounder, Ginger Stewart, 141¾, of Hamilton, who holds the Scottish welterweight championship, defeated Kid Marcel, 146, of France, on points.

Gus Foran, 123, of Liverpool, stopped Billy Comerford, 123, of Glasgow, in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder, when the latter received a badly damaged hand. Skeets Gallagher, 112½, of Clydebank, defeated Frank Tierney, 108½, of Glasgow, in six rounds. Alex Murphy, 113, of Port Glasgow, and Raoul Degryse, 111¾, of Belgium, fought to a draw in eight rounds.

Bob Mellett, 143½, of Bolton, outpointed Roy Kitchen, 148½, of Manchester, in ten rounds, at Blackburn.

Charlie Smith, 148, of Birkenhead, defeated Bob Newton, 148½, of Oldham, the referee calling a halt in the fourth of a ten-rounder. Jim McTigue, 142, of Wigan, halted Fred Baldwin, 136, of Norwich, in the third of a scheduled eight. Billy Watt of Liverpool outpointed Bob Wignall of Nelson in a six.

Billy Thompson, 135, of Hickleton Main, who must be regarded as one of the newest threats for the lightweight title, won another good contest when he outpointed Jimmy Jury, 133, of Bournemouth, in eight rounds, at the Engineers' Club, West Hartlepool.

Jack Lord, 165, of Bolton, outpointed Andy McKenzie, 162, of South Shields, in an eight. Kid Horsman, of West Hartlepool, defeated Jack Mussen, of Belfast, in eight rounds.

Dick Grant, 119½, of Barnsley, defeated George Wellman, 120, of Bournemouth, in the fourth of a scheduled six. Soldier Billy Bird, of Hull, outpointed Billy Clayton, of West Hartlepool, in six rounds.

Ric Saunders, 143, of Leicester, knocked out George Butler, 137, of Mansfield, in the fifth of a scheduled eight rounder at Birmingham. The finishing punch was a magnificent left to the midsection that dropped Butler like a log.

Al Swain, 184½, of Coventry, knocked out Jake Page, 174½, of Mansfield, in 58 seconds of the first round.

The contest, scheduled for six rounds, ended when Swain walked into his opponent, and delivered a short right to the jaw which dropped Page for the full count.

Jack Turpin, 134, of Leamington, was also in a hurry, for he disposed of Billy Peach, 128½, of East Kirby, in the first of a scheduled six rounder. Teddie Wilson of Birmingham, defeated Billy Gascoigne of Mansfield, in the fifth of a six-rounder when the referee called a halt. Roy Davies of Spratton defeated Fred Holmes of Birmingham, in six rounds on points.

Albert Finch, 159, of Croydon, outpointed Jimmy Hockley, 159½, of Covent Garden, in eight rounds at the Willesden Drill Hall.

The contest was a perfect exhibition of boxer vs. fighter with Finch, the boxer, proving that his orthodox style was superior to the all-action tactics of Hockley.

Bert Sanders, 155, of Kilburn, defeated Harry "Dusty" Welland, 148, of Chatham, when Welland retired in the fourth of a scheduled eight with a damaged hand.

Ernie Stapleton, 141½, of Wood Green, and Vic Manini, 141, of Lambeth, were scheduled to fight eight rounds but the bout came to an abrupt end in the first when after Stapleton had given Manini a severe drubbing the referee called a halt, awarding the bout to Stapleton.

Dick Langley of the RAF outpointed Terry Ryan of Wellesdan in six rounds. Billy Marlow of Battersea outpointed Billy Cunningham of Kew in six rounds. Ronnie Lush of Kilbourn knocked out Jack Nugar of Tottenham in the first of a slated six.

Johnny Boyd of Peterborough defeated Ted Barter of London, the referee stopping the contest in the seventh of a scheduled ten-rounder after Barter had taken three counts.

In the semi-final event at Peterborough, Chris Adcock of London defeated Bob Barlow of Peterborough in the sixth of an eight rounder after Barlow had been badly beaten.

Bill Jackson of Jamaica defeated Eddie Donaldson of Edinburgh in ten rounds at Leith.

Jim Shepherd of Glasgow defeated Billy Kelly of Cenfin, who was disqualified in the fourth of a scheduled ten rounder. Tod Whyte of Shieldhall outpointed Barry Ward of Perth in an eight. Syd Ward of Warrington outpointed Tommy Williamson of Glasgow in six rounds.

Harry Hughes, 137, of Motherwell, substituting for Danny Woods of Clydebank, won over Doug Furey, 132, of Dundee, in the eighth of a scheduled ten at Aberdeen.

Furey took a long count in the sixth and again in the eighth he took severe punishment and was unable to come up for the next round, leaving Hughes the winner.

Jackie Forbes, 154, of Aberdeen, made a good pro debut when he outpointed Jock McCusker, 161, of Glasgow in ten rounds.

Billy Andrews of Dundee knocked out Billy Ross of Methil in the second of a scheduled eight. Eddie Carson of Glasgow outpointed George Parkes of Dundee in ten rounds. Tommy Miller of Glasgow outpointed Hugh Docherty of Belfast in six rounds.

Charlie Collett of Hemel Hempstead knocked out George James, Welsh heavyweight champion, in the fourth of a scheduled eight-round affair at Linslade.

Three quick lefts to the face followed by a vicious right to the Welshman's body ended the contest.

Ginger Ward of Merthyr and Ric Saunders of Leicester put up a sterling contest with Saunders taking two counts in the first round and one in the fourth but fighting back strongly to win the referee's decision at the end of the bout.

Gilbert Hughes of Merthyr was beaten on points by Jimmy Gill of Nottingham in an eight. Cyril Wills of Shrewsbury knocked out Don Smith of Prestwick in the fourth of an eight-round middleweight bout. Al Phillips, Newark lightweight, knocked out Billy Murphy of Cardiff in the second of another scheduled eight. Arthur Harvey of Bedford knocked out Linton O'Niel of Pontypool in the first of an eight-round contest.

Ronnie James, 141¼, British lightweight champion, made one of his rare ring appearances when he outpointed Pat Cunane, 141¾, of Doncaster in eight rounds at Newcastle. James took no chances but was never extended and won easily.

Jimmy Stewart of Edinburgh and Len Shaw of Sheffield put up a terrific eight-round bout with Stewart winning a points decision.

Tommy Nutter of Silksworth outpointed Tommy Casswell of Leeds in another eight. Johnny Fitzpatrick of Doncaster beat Archie Hannan of the RAF in an eight-round affair. Frank Brown of Dumbarton outpointed Frank Walker of Leeds in six rounds while Harry Brooks of South Shields outpointed Jim McLeary of Thornaby over the same distance.

Stan Hawthorne, 135¼, of North Shields, who is another young up and coming lightweight star, gained an impressive victory at Liverpool Stadium, this time at the expense of Charlie Fox, 132¾, of St. Helens, in the fourth of a scheduled ten, when the latter was forced to retire with a badly cut eye.

Punching with great force, Hawthorne drove Fox all around the ring, and when his eyebrow was cut, the latter wisely retired.

Alf Taylor of Warrington defeated Freddie Young of Toulouse when the latter retired in the fourth of an eight-rounder with a badly damaged eye. Eddie Fitzsimmons of Liverpool beat Al Hutt of Burma who was disqualified for an alleged low blow in the second of a listed eight-round contest. Charlie White of Liverpool beat Jackie Ryan of Stoke, the referee calling a halt in the fifth of another slated eight.

Emmett Kenney of St. Helens defeated Norman James of Liverpool, who was forced to retire with a damaged eyebrow, in the fourth of a six-rounder.

Warren Kendall, 137½, of Wales, seemed fortunate to receive a points decision over Claude Dennington, 137, of Peckham, in an eight-rounder at the Mile End Arena.

There was very little to choose between the two warriors, but it seemed that the edge was earned by Dennington by virtue of his two-handed attacking. The referee thought otherwise.

Tad Murphy of Ireland outpointed Charlie Wise of Poplar in six rounds. Jordan Tarone of West Indies knocked out George Fordhan of Edmonton in the first of a scheduled eight. Bobby Derg of Stratford outpointed Jimmy Smith of Croydon in six rounds.

Billy Pearce of Islington defeated Pat Carey of Bethnal Green, the referee stopping the bout in Pearce's favor in the second of a scheduled six-rounder.

Al Swain, 186, of Coventry, defeated Stoker Fred Clark, 207, of London, in the third of a scheduled eight-rounder at Birmingham.

Swain showed good form, punishing Clark severely, and eventually cutting his lip badly, thus causing his retirement.

Ric Saunders, 144, of Leicester, won over Johnny Downes, 152½, of Manchester, when the latter retired at the end of the fifth of a scheduled ten-round contest, with a badly cut eye.

Jackie Turpin, 132, of Leamington, won well over Wilf Stacey, 137¾, of Manchester, outpointing him in eight rounds.

Charlie Hubbard of Loughborough, proved too experienced for Pat Shannon of West Bromwich, who was making his first professional appearance, and the latter retired at the end of the second of a six-rounder. Roy Davis of Spratton knocked out Mick Dobbs of West Bromwich in the second of a scheduled six-rounder.

Frank Spalton of London boxed cleverly to outpoint Don Trapnell of Weston Super Mare in eight rounds, at Weston Super Mare.

Trapnell floored Spalton twice, but allowed the Londoner to make a good recovery and win on points.

Len Dyer of Bath drew with Edgar Warfield of Abertillery in eight rounds. Tommy Farr of Weston drew with Harry Fry of Bridgeman in six rounds. Roy Gould of Weston defeated Peter Oxley of Weston in three rounds. Roy Coles of Weston defeated Roy Jones of Rhondda, the referee calling a halt in the third of a six-rounder.

Vernon Ball, 133, of Cympark, outpointed Dennis Chadwick of Bridlington, 133, in ten rounds at Neath.

Ball dealt out severe punishment to Chadwick but the latter is as tough as they make 'em, and he kept coming back for more. Ball was a clear points winner at the end, but Chadwick came in for a share of the plaudits for his game show.

Warren Kendall of Wales, who holds the Welsh lightweight title, won a good points decision over Mick Gibbons, 138, of Belfast, in a ten spot. Ivor Davies of Neath drew with Curly Roberts of Swansea in six rounds.

Mel Wathan of Neath knocked out Doug Thomas of Ystradgylnais in the fifth of a scheduled six-rounder. Wathan had an advantage of height and reach which stood him in good stead, and in the fifth round a right hook and a left jab to the jaw dropped Thomas for the full count. Bryn Davies of Skewan knocked out Jack Phillips of Trenerbert in the third of a scheduled six-rounder.

Coming in at short notice, Archie Hannan of Manchester put up a good show against Paddy Ross of Sunderland at West Hartlepool and tried hard, but succumbed to a devastating left hook to the body during the fifth round and went down for the full count.

Kid Horsman of West Hartlepool and Ginger Todd of Leeds put up a smashing fight with Todd taking a narrow points win.

Val Young of Ryhope dealt out severe punishment to Tony Reddy of Rochdale for two of their scheduled six rounds contest and at the end of the second the towel came in from Reddy's corner. Derek Harrison of West Hartlepool outpointed Jim Freeman of Hartlepool in six rounds, while over a similar distance Jack Todd of Horden gained a points win over Dick Willis of Shotten.

Arthur Danahar of Bethnal Green and Walter Momber of France were paired in the main event of ten rounds at Brighton with Danahar proving his marked superiority over the Frenchman as he gained an undisputed points decision.

Danahar punched solidly and boxed his way to

victory against an opponent who was willing but greatly outclassed.

Cliff Curvis of Wales was in brilliant form when he outpointed Ben Duffy of Jarrow in a ten-rounder.

Duffy made many attempts to attack but the elusive southpaw, with exceedingly clever moves, managed to stay out of the way, and chalk up a good points win.

Albert Finch of Croydon fought hard to outpoint Jimmy Stewart of Hounslow in an eight-round bout. Bob Cleave of Borough stopped Frank Baldwin of British Honduras in the first round of a scheduled six-rounder.

When the ring collapsed during the second round of the contest between Reg Andrews of Barnehurst and Ernie Woodman of Battersea, the referee was forced to declare a draw, and the remainder of the bill, which consisted of a contest between Al Robinson of Leeds, and George James of Swansea, was canceled.

The whole of the program at Watford was given over to Mr. Eddie Mallett's heavyweight competition, open to boxers who had engaged in no more than three professional contests.

There were twelve contests which resulted in a grand night's entertainment. The results of the first series were:

Al Swain of Coventry defeated Pat Keane of Lambeth, the referee halting the contest in the first round. Alan Cooke of Warsop defeated Vic Brooks of Ipswich, the referee calling a halt in the third. Jack Stanley of Middlesborough stopped George Malp of Northampton in one round. Buster Brown of Banbury outpointed Roy Dymott of Hampstead.

Peter Broadbridge of Brighton halted Billy Hesmond of Peston, the referee stopping the contest in the third. Bob Smith of Waltham Cross knocked out George Hinnett of Wales in the first round. Reg. Spring of Southall knocked out Jackie Banks of Stanstead in the second.

Jim Scott of Dagerham drew a bye.

In the second series, Bob Smith knocked out Peter Broadbridge in the third, Buster Brown knocked out Jack Stanley in the second, Al Swain flattened Jim Scott in 13 seconds of the first, and Alan Cooke outpointed Reg Spring.

Jake Carr, 150, of Princes Risborough, and Don Smith, 152, of Fleetwood, fought eight rounds at High Wycombe to a draw.

Mickey Holdsworth, 129, of Slough, defeated Tommy Kelly, 130, of Ireland, in six rounds on points. Don Cockell of Battersea made an impressive professional debut when he knocked out Trevor Lowder of Bramley in the fifth of a six-rounder. Pete Davis of Slough outpointed Pat Crawford of Aylesbury, in six rounds. Mick O'Grady of Aylesbury defeated Jack Cornyn, of Ireland in six rounds on points.

Ginger Ward, 142, of Blackburn, added another win to his record when he outpointed Ric Saunders, 140½, of Leicester, in ten rounds, at Blackburn.

Ward floored Saunders for nine counts in the sixth, seventh and eighth rounds, just failing each time to put enough into the blow to keep Saunders down for the full count. The Blackburn boy was a good winner at the end.

In a ten-rounder Billy Armstrong of Manchester lost a close points decision to Bob Blair of Middleton.

Frank Clough of Blackburn defeated Mickey Donevan of Manchester, the towel coming in from Donevan's corner in the last minute of the bout. Cliff Haywood of Middleton defeated Dennis Varley of Burnley who retired in the second with a damaged hand. Wilf Stacey of Manchester defeated Archie Dickinson of Preston, the referee calling a halt in the fifth of a six-rounder, when Dickinson had suffered a badly cut eye.

Stan Rowen, 119½, of Liverpool, scored a good win at the Liverpool Stadium, when he stopped Jimmy Webster, 116½, of South Africa, in the fourth of a scheduled ten, the latter retiring with a badly damaged right eyebrow.

Jimmy O'Brien, 146½, of Sidmouth, outpointed Dick Shields, 141½, of Liverpool in a ten. Bernard Pugh, 125, of Liverpool, defeated Barney Hughes, 121, of Liverpool, when the latter retired with a badly cut eyebrow in the second of an eight rounder. Tommy Carey of Birkenhead knocked out Waldy Gregson of Widnes, in the second of a slated six-rounder. Willy Rigby of Southport beat Joe Hewitt of Birkenhead, the referee intervening in the first round to save Hewitt from further punishment.

Tommy Shaw of Plymouth outpointed Harry Legge of Bournemouth in ten rounds at St. Austell.

Roy Stoodern of St. Austell stopped Bill Brennan of Falmouth in the fifth of a scheduled eight-rounder. Bob Moors of Plymouth outpointed Charlie Lean of St. Austell in a six; while Don Hoole of Plymouth knocked out Horace Wright of London in the first of another listed six-rounder.

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Billy Watt of Liverpool knocked out Johnny Finnerty of Glasgow in the second of a scheduled ten-round contest at the Grove Stadium, Glasgow.

Joe Baillie of Glasgow beat Frank Millward of Leeds in the fourth of another scheduled ten, the referee intervening to save Millward further punishment.

Pat Kelly of Perth knocked out Syd Ryan of Warrington in the fourth. Jim Harty of Coatbridge outpointed Johnny Kildare of Hamilton in six rounds.

Al Robinson, 216, the smart young Leeds heavyweight, scored a sensational kayo over Jock Porter, 193, of Scotland, at Ipswich, when he stiffened Porter out in the first of a scheduled ten-round contest.

Three left hooks to the face from Porter stung Robinson, and then he went to work. Porter took three counts of nine before being finally floored for the count.

"Ginger" Sadd, 165, of Norwich, scored a knockout win over Jimmy Sales, 162, of Bermondsey, in the third of a scheduled ten with a peach of a punch to the midsection.

Bert Buxton of Norwich knocked out Charlie Hubbard of Loughborough in the first of a listed six-rounder. Charlie White of Norwich was outpointed by Dick Perrian of Guernsey, in six rounds. Dave Finney of Hawick defeated George Garnham, of Diss, in eight-round tilt, and Bill Dillon of Brixton outpointed Vic Brooks of Ipswich in six rounds.

Warren Kendall, 136, of Wales, outpointed Tommy Barnham, 135, of Fulnam, at the Mile End Arena in the main eight-round bout.

Al Marson, 174, of Stepney, beat Bert Brown, 168, of Croydon, in the first of an eight-rounder, the referee halting the bout when Marson had damaged Brown's right eyebrow.

Vic Manini, 144, of Lambeth, stopped Benny Dwyer, 145, of Canada, in the first of a scheduled six-rounder, Dwyer retiring with a damaged hand. Bobby Derg of Stratford knocked out Johnny Boreham of Bethnal Green in the first of a six-round contest.

IN YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

By BILL WALSH

JUSTE FONTAINE, classy Pittsburgh lightweight, knocked out Irish Jimmy Pierce of Vancouver, in four heats. Fontaine came in at 137. Pierce had a half pound weight advantage. The action was slow until the knockout. Fontaine jabbed a left, hooked a left, then feinted and crossed with a solid right to the jaw and that was all for Pierce.

The semi-final of six heats saw Bobby Timpson, colorful Youngstown lightweight, lose a split decision to Dave Marsh, Akron, O., 132-pounder. Timpson carried the fight to Marsh for the entire six rounds and opened up a cut on Marsh's eye in the fourth. Marsh had the better of the infighting and this caught the judge's eye. . . . In another sixer, Joe Salcone, Warren lightweight, easily defeated Tommy Taylor, Cleveland, in six, while Tommy Brocken, Warren, 155, and King Freeman, Cleveland, fought a six-round draw.

Sonny Horne, Valley Stream, easily whipped Bobby Berger, Chicago middleweight, in ten rounds. The semi-final ten saw Irish Mickey Doyle K.O. Bobby Simms, Reading, in two.

Rollin Horne, Niles, 153, K.O.'ed Johnny Edwards in one. Shamus McCray, Cleveland, 138¼, and Chet Martin, Cleveland, went six heats to a draw.

Chuck Higgins, Youngstown Golden Glove winner, decisioned Bobby Grant in the four-round opener. There was more action in this bout than on the rest of the card. These boys are welters.

Boys back from the service, Gene Smith, 152-pounder. Smitty campaigned successfully in Florida rings while in Uncle Sam's Navy. . . . Chester Hoover, a flyweight before entering the Navy, is now a feather and back in training. . . . Bobby Timpson, Youngstown leading lightweight, is now ready for the better boys as proved by his recent K.O. over tough Eddie Sulk in Pittsburgh, Sulk was giving Timpson a little trouble with his southpaw style, but Bobby caught Sulk with a terrific right hand smash in the fourth round and Sulk called it a night. . . . . Joey Salcone journeyed to Pittsburgh and looked good in licking Buddy Samarco in six. . . . Jack Thompson has done a great job in developing Joe Salcone, Moe Harvey and Tommy Brocken.

One of the nicest guys in the game is Matt McGowan genial cop from Niles, Ohio. Matt developed Sonny Horne and now has the capable Mike Birskovich under his wing. Maulin' Mike, as the Cleveland sports writers dubbed him, is the winner of his last 14 starts, eight by knockouts. . . . What looked like a return to big time boxing in Youngstown took a sudden turn for the worse when the Youngstown boxing commission ruled that only two shows a month will be presented.

This writer is looking for a good white heavyweight. If you are interested send picture, age, weight and experience. Writer's address, Ohio Hotel, Youngstown, Ohio.

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD

By RONALD H. PINHEIRO

THESE are the boxing results for the month of July:

George Bissessar, a newcomer to the promoting circle, staged his first boxing card at the Palladium theater on July 11. The crowd witnessed one of the best heavyweight fights seen here for some time, between Ansell Baba Adams, South Trinidad kayo artist, and Jules Charron, undefeated heavyweight champion of Guadeloupe, Charron, who came here with a good reputation, proved his worth. After being floored for the count of nine in the 5th he came back to batter Adams in the final rounds. The decision of a draw at the end of the 10 rounds was booed. Charron deserved the verdict. Adams scaled 180½ pounds and Charron 189½ pounds.

In the preliminaries, Eddie Polo lost on points to Al Britton over 6 rounds. This was a welterweight scrap.

The opener saw Malcolm Jordan outpointing Young Joe Louis over 4 hectic rounds. Both boys are lightweights.

A poor crowd viewed Promoter J. B. Guzman's boxing card at the Mucurapo Stadium on July 15.

The main event between Kid German, lightweight champion of the southern Caribbean, and Rafael Lastra of Cuba, ended in a 10-round draw. The crowd booed the decision.

Lastra displayed wonderful counter punching in every round and almost knocked out German in the 6th round. Lastra scaled 136 pounds and German 133½ pounds.

In the semi-final, Bull Gilkes, Trinidad's No. 1 middleweight, was awarded a points decision over Barthelmy Serge of Guadeloupe in 10 rounds. Weights were, Gilkes 154½ pounds, Serge 157 pounds.

Easy Boy Francis, 145½ pounds, made a triumphant return to the ring after a lay-off, when he mauled Gunner Brathwaite, 142 pounds, over 6 rounds. The Gunner was downed in the 4th but managed to hold on for the 6 rounds.

In the opening bout, Al Simms, veteran Indian bantamweight, got the decision over Kid Salandy in 6 rounds.

Carlos Perez, middleweight champion of Central America, scored a narrow points victory over Ansell Baba Adams, kayo artist of South Trinidad, when the two men met on Promoter Cedric Espenet's card at Skinner Park, San Fernando, on Saturday, July 20.

Though losing, Adams showed vast improvement. He scaled 174 pounds to Perez's 165½ pounds.

In another 10-round clash, Fighting Bailey, Trinidad's No. 1 lightweight, outpointed Lawrence Assam, hard hitting southpaw. Bailey used his reach and experience to an advantage, by jabbing his way to an easy victory. Assam tried time and again to land his Sunday punch, but the elusive Bailey never gave him a chance. Bailey scaled 139½ pounds to Assam's 136½ pounds.

Tiny Jules, 117 pounds, of the Orphanage, defeated John Salandy, 115 pounds, 6 rounds.

In the opening bout, Eddie Polo drew with Dennis Romain, who substituted for Big Boy Jules over 4 rounds.

Trinidad's No. 1 promoter, George Whitehead, put on another All Star card at the Mucurapo Stadium on July 23. The main attraction between Hankin Barrow of British Honduras and Kid Dinamita, the Santo Domingo Terror, ended in a 12-round draw. Barrow scored mostly with accurate punches to the head while the Kid's blows were fast rights and lefts to body. Barrow slowed up the Kid in the 7th with head and body blows, but the Santo Domingo Terror came out as strong as ever in the 8th. Dinamita scaled 146 pounds, Barrow 145 pounds.

In the semi-final, Easy Boy Francis scored his second victory in nine days when he won on a foul in the 3rd round from Kid Avendano, the Venezuelan White Terror. Avendano was all but knocked out when Referee Gerald Betancourt disqualified him for hitting low after being warned several times. Francis has showed vast improvement, jabbing and uppercutting nicely. Weights were, Francis 145 pounds, Avendano 147 pounds.

In another grand bout which went the limit of eight rounds, Francisco Gonzales, 144, scored a narrow point decision over Classy Mac Mitchell, 140½.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By MARK FANNON

FALL RIVER—Steve Ketchel, 202, Fall River, won the 8-round decision over promising Johnny Martin, 189, Essex.

In the twin eight, Francis Leonard, 131, Taunton, former National Amateur featherweight champion, whipped Oliver Desmarais, 130, Manchester, N. H.

Portland, Me.—Billy Tordiglione, 147½, Boston, scored his 2nd win at this club this year, when he outpointed tough Jerry Boisvert, 152, Sherbrooke, Que., in a ten-rounder.

Maurice Beauchene, 148, Brunswick, kayoed Billy Allen, 150, Boston (5). Frankie Ross, 151, Boston, beat Roger Whynott, 148½, of Halifax, N. S.

Worcester—Andy Faison, 144½, clever Negro lad of Brooklyn, scored an upset when he copped the nod over fast-stepping Ernie Forte, 147½, Providence. The decision was split after a gruelling affair. Chick Jones, 141, Boston, stopped Eddie Moniz, 145, Fall River (2). Charlie Kelley, 123½, Boston, won a split decision over Arthur (Baby) Gomez, 120, Wareham (6).

Lewiston, Me.—Al Coutoure, 143, Lewiston, former serviceman who has been campaigning in California, showed home town fans his stuff in stopping "Chick" Jones, 143, Boston, in the fifth round.

Braves Field, Boston—Irish Tommy Sullivan, 170½, most popular battler to come out of South Boston in years, scored a sweet victory in knocking out Mad Anthony Jones, 162½, Champaign, Ill., in the 8th round in the first show of the Callahan A. C., oudoors. It wasn't a clean knockout but Jones was reeling around helplessly when the referee stopped the fight.

At the end of the sixth round it looked bad for Sullivan. Jones was doing a lot of damage with body blows and making Tommy miss his good shots. Sullivan was strong and in great shape. In the seventh, he got Mad Anthony to swap punches and dropped him for nine with wicked blows to the head. For the remainder of the round the Irish Bombardier kept after Jones and had him in bad shape at the bell. Tommy tore out of his corner at the bell in the 8th, punched Jones as he arose from his stool, and continued to toss terrific punches for 35 seconds until the referee stopped it.

Abel Gonsalves, 172, Pawtucket, beat Soldier Montoya, 174, of Portland, Me., in a six-rounder. Bill Geary, 162½, Roxbury, former Paratrooper, looked good in his first pro fight as he whipped tough Norman Audette, 164, Fall River, in a six-rounder. Al Pinel, 155, New Bedford, never looked better than he did in beating old veteran Billy Lancaster, 158½, Portland (6). Leo Cassista, 175, new-comer from Beverly, beat Al Amaral, 170, Taunton (4). Pete Noka, 139, Brockton, won a close decision over John Manning, 136, South Boston (4).

Salem—George "Red" Perkins, 141½, Lynn, won his first main bout in impressive style in beating Eddy Richmond, 140, Providence, in an 8-rounder. Richmond has been the only lad to beat "Red" in pro ranks.

In the co-feature of 8 rounds, Bobby Flannigan, 159½, Boston Irish lad, trounced Bill Landry, 158, Worcester belter, by decision. Bob hopes to be fighting for the Canadian middleweight title soon, as he is a native of London, Ontario.

Dover, N. H.—"Young" Dempsey, 163, hard hitting blond of this city, won the ten-round nod over Don McGrath, 168, of Boston, in the top bout of a show staged by the VFW. Johnny Heaton, 118, Boston, stopped Billy Constance, 118, Dover, in the second round of the semi-final.

Manchester, N. H. (Recreation Center)—Jackie Harris, 128, the Malden Fighting Fool, took the ten-round decision over Tommy "Red" Wells, 133½, this city, after ten savage rounds of fighting. Tommy, a big favorite in this state, had Harris reeling on several occasions.

Eddie Moniz, 136, Fall River, stopped Joe Palaza, 136, Roxbury (3). Oliver Desmarais, 134, Manchester, outfought Charlie Kelley, 130, Boston (6). Maurice Belanger, 180, Fall River, kayoed Ernie Brosseau, 180, Manchester (2).

Bangor, Me.—Frankie Anderson, 162, Belfast, kayoed Bat Sebastian, 162, Boston (1). Sebastian was once managed by Rochester, Jack Benny's comedian. Irish Johnny McGrath, 165, Boston, kayoed Eddie Turner, 165, Bangor (3). Blaine Macomber, 144, Guilford, outpointed Ray Parsons, 146, Boston.

Fall River—Johnny Martin, 180, former amateur champion of Michigan, won a moral victory over Steve Ketchel, 202, this city, when he held tough Steve to a 10-round draw. The added 2 rounds earned the draw for counter punching Johnny when he closed strong.

Walter Gomez, 140, New Bedford, defeated Pete Noka, 144, Brockton, by split decision in 6 frames. Eddie Moniz, 139, Fall River, knocked out Eddie Richmond, 140, Providence, 2 rounds. Eddie Fredericks, 144, Beverly, Mass., stopped Pete Powers, 146, Fall River, 3rd round. Gerardo Gonzales, 129, New Bedford, knocked out Danny Sawchuck, 131, Beverly (2).

Worcester—Charley Williams, 145, Newark, N. J., proved too smart for wild swinging Eddie Letourneau, 150, Sanford, Me., and stopped him in the 5th. Letourneau was willing but Williams had too much on the ball. Tommy Doyle, 179½, Fall River, outpointed George Cassista, 177, Beverly (6). Lee Britto, 143, Providence, decisioned Oscar St. Pierre, 144, Fall River (6).

Fall River—Steve Kronis, 128, the give and take Greek from Boston, stopped Ray Daoust, 131, Montreal, in the fourth round. Daoust came down on the train from Montreal a few hours before the fight, tired and hungry. While the battle lasted, Daoust was doing okay but his condition told on him.

Red Perkins, 140, Lynn, made it two wins over southpaw Pete Noka, 141, Brockton, by taking the 6-round nod in the semi-final.

Worcester—Billy Tordiglione, 146, Boston, added another K.O. to his long list when he knocked out Ernie Knight, 137, Trenton, N. J., in two frames.

Salem—Tommy Greb, 134, Boston, hard-punching southpaw, whipped Lloyd Hudson, 130, Bath, Me., in 10 rounds. Eddie Frederick, 149, Hamilton, kayoed Manny Martin, 144, Boston (2). Young Dias, 153½, Boston, kayoed Chuck Samara, 155½, Woburn (1). Kid Chocolate, 154, Cuba, and Charlie Sardo, 156½, Revere, drew (6).

Manchester, N. H.—Florient Desmarais, 138, this city, N. E. lightweight champ, knocked out Walter Gomez, 137, New Bedford, in the fourth frame. Desmarais punched too hard for the willing Whaling City kid in this non-title match.

Tommy McGrath, 150, Cambridge, won over Maurice Cloutier, 151, Manchester (6).

Salem—Jean Barriere, 134, tough veteran of Montreal, proved too experienced for Red Perkins, 139½, Lynn, and whipped the game lad over the 10-round route. Red did well for himself in the first three frames as he outboxed the short-punching Barriere. In the fourth Jean dropped Perkins with a right hook to the stomach. This punch took the starch out of "Perk" and in the 8th he was again floored by body blows, but gamely lasted the distance.

Doc Blanchard, 123, Cambridge, easily beat Gene Gomez, 124, Boston, in the six-round semi-final.

Manchester, N. H.—Jackie Harris, 124½, the Malden Fighting Fool, came from behind to knock out Bobby English, 127, Fall River, in the third canto. Harris, a rugged individual, chilled English with a left hook to the stomach, followed by a right cross to the jaw.

Maurice Cloutier, 158, Manchester, kayoed Ollie Wilson, 158, Worcester (2).

Bangor, Me.—Bobby Campbell, 132, Brewer, outpointed Blaine Macomber, 139, Guilford (8). Bob Verney, 152, Hampden, T.K.O.'ed Artie Wooster, 150, Rockland (3).

Fall River—Francis Leonard, 131, Taunton, whipped Oliver Desmarais, 130, Manchester, N. H., by decision in one of the three 8-rounders on the card. Francis dropped the game Granite Stater twice for counts.

Jackie Webber, 130, Pawtucket, R. I., made it 17 straight wins when he stopped Romeo Ducharme, 134, Fall River, in the 3rd.

Jennings Brotherton, 136, Boston, won the decision over Leo Methot, 133, Montreal, in the third 8-rounder.

Worcester—Charley Williams, 148, classy Negro lad of Newark, N. J., outpointed Berry Wright, 149¼, Cleveland, Ohio, another Negro fighter, in ten rounds. Tommy Doyle, 181, Fall River, won over Mike Gagne, 178, Spencer (6). George Cassista, 176, Beverly, kayoed Sam Shumway, 177, Webster (3).

Claremont, N. H.—Dom Sinibaldi, Berlin, N. H., and Dolly King, Negro welter of Springfield, Mass., battled to an 8-round draw in the first show put on by the VFW. Henry Jolly of Keene, N. H., former RING correspondent, was the matchmaker. Referee: Pal Reed.

Johnny Parker, Springfield, Mass., Negro, stopped Dick Villeneuve, Berlin, N. H., in the fourth. "Red Cap" Cooper, Negro lightweight of Springfield, Mass., lost on a foul to Jimmy Dinardo, in the third frame.

NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

PAUL SHIFFER plans on staging a pro show in Winnipeg . . . . Babe Matthews, who is attending the University of Manitoba, is eager to tackle Orrin Saffer, Canadian simon-pure heavyweight king . . . . An outdoor boxing and wrestling show was held at Selkirk. The show was featured by a fast five-round exhibition between George Cote and Wilf Dejardins . . . . This corner is handling Johnny Roberts, 160 pounds; George Cote, 160, and Wilf Dejardins, 145 . . . . The writer's address is 415½ Manitoba Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba . . . . Ron Whalley, since deserting Winnipeg for Vancouver, has scored three consecutive kayoes.

BOXING IN MAINE
By LINDSEY L. MEADER

HOT weather slowed down the tempo of boxing here, only six shows were held in the state during July. Bangor, Waterville, Lewiston, and Portland were the only cities to hold bouts. Results were:

At Portland—Billy Tordiglione, 137½, Boston, decisioned Jerry Boisvert, 152, Quebec, in ten; Maurice Beauchene, 148, Brunswick, flattened Billy Allen, 150, Boston, in 5; Frankie Ross, 151, Boston, won over Roger Whynott, 148½, Halifax, in six; Tony Cook, 147½, Rumford, stopped Phil Gardner, 150, Portland, in the third round of a four; Johnny Donato, 138, Berlin, N. H., flattened Bobby Howe, 138½, Biddeford, in one; and Ted Brassley, 152, Portland, decisioned Johnny Jones, 155, Portland, in four.

At Waterville—Norman See, 137, Quebec, won over Bob Pooler, 137, Portland, in eight. In a six, Young Tanguay, 144, Lewiston, decisioned Lee Gagnon, 140, Lewiston. In the four-round prelims, Wendell Gallard, 172, Skowhegan, T.K.O.'ed Timmy Burns, 173, Bangor, in three; Carl Magnuson, 162, Portland, T.K.O.'ed Joe Beaulieu, 156, Waterville, in one; and Danny Delprato, 136, Portland, flattened Young LaPointe, 137, Skowhegan, in one.

At Lewiston—Al Coutoure, 143½, Lewiston, flattened Chick Jones, 143, New York Negro boy, in five.

In the semi-final, Tony Cook, 145½, Rumford, knocked out Dick Villeneuve, 141, Berlin, in two. The four-round prelims resulted as follows: Clem Berry, 136½, Portland, decisioned Bob Cummings, 134, Lisbon; Bud Labbe, 140, Auburn, T.K.O.'ed Joe O'Neill, 142, Portland, in three; Al Taylor, 155, Portland, flattened Al Herb, 155, Brunswick, in two; and Ed Perreault, 128, Berlin, N. H., kayoed Chick Cloutier, 127½, Brunswick, in one.

Maine light-heavy champ, Frankie Anderson of Portland, flattened Bat Sebastian, Boston, in one round at Bangor. The bout was scheduled for eight. Both weighed in at 162. The under-card saw Johnny McGrath, 165, Boston, kayo Eddie Turner, 170, Bangor, in three; Blaine Macomber, 144, Guilford, decisioned Ray Parsons, 146, Boston, in six; Bob Varney, 140, Hampden, won over Art Wooster, 148, Rockland, in six; and Tippy Larson, 168, Rockland, decisioned Steele Gray, 168, Dedham, Mass., in four.

At Salem, Mass., Maine Featherweight Champ Lloyd Hudson, 130, Rockland, dropped a ten-round decision to Tommy Greb, 134, Boston, at the North Street arena.

At Waterville—Roger Whynott, 150, Halifax, N. S., outpointed Tony Petro, 147, Boston, in eight; Kayo Lamouche, 165, Waterville, kayoed Charlie Turner, 170, Bangor, in five; Al Tanguay, 145, Lewiston, won over Frankie Lee, 145, Boston, in six; Doc Blanchard, 124, Cambridge, Mass., kayoed Pee-Wee Sharkey, 124, Winslow, in three, and Al Simard, 123, Quebec, decisioned Gil Roy, Waterville, in four.

At Woonsocket, R. I.—Willard Buckless, 150, Saugus, Mass., decisioned Jerry Boisvert, 151, Lewiston, in ten rounds.

At Bangor—Johnny Campbell, 132, Brown, decisioned Blaine Macomber, 139, Guilford, in eight; Bob Varney, 152, Hampden, T.K.O.'ed Art Wooster, 150, Rockland, in three; Herb Freeman, 139, Bangor, flattened Charley Wooster, 134, Rockland, in three; Tippy Larsson, 168, Rockland, won over Steele Gray, 166, Dedham, in four, and Young Paul, 148, Appleton, stopped Leo Coty, 143, Bangor, in four.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

WEST SPRINGFIELD — The Bob Montgomery-George LaRover fight was a close battle throughout. The crowd booed the decision as the fans had LaRover out front. Two judges had him out front until the seventh round. Montgomery hit low repeatedly and was warned frequently.

Pittsfield—Tommy Jessup redeemed himself by defeating Johnny Cesario by a T.K.O. in the third round. Tommy was leading although Cesario made it interesting, until a bad cut over the left eye made it necessary for the doctor to stop the bout. Mickey Canty lost a close, hard fight to Frankie Ross in the semi.

George Sheppard and Al Caroly are drawing larger crowds than ever, this season. Top flight fighters, evenly matched, are responsible for the large turnouts..

Jack Barrett has his fighters boxing at the West Springfield Club regularly. George Henry, Eskar Mosley, Joe Bowman and others of his action battlers have appeared at West Springfield.

North Adams—Whistling Willie Roache of Wilmington, Del., outpointed Filberto Osario, Havana, Cuba, in the main bout of ten rounds.

Worcester, Mass.—Charley Williams, Newark, N. J., decisioned Berry Wright of Cleveland, Ohio.

Dave Lumanski of New Bedford, Mass., is back in the fight game staging bouts in his home town. Dave was manager of Oscar Suggs. He traveled to England with him for his many fights over there.

Henry Jolly stages bouts in Keene and Claremont, N. H., and from reports, the fights have been first rate. His cards carry the names of many Springfield fighters.

The writer would like to hear from Lou Langley, who boxed in Springfield a month ago. Have news for him. You can reach me at 50 Carlton Ave., Chicopee Falls, Mass.

Doug Murchie of No. Adams, Mass., who fought many times at Holyoke, Mass., is back in civilian life after four years in the Army. Doug is now working on the railroad.

Gary "Red Cap" Cooper is back with the writer and is fighting regularly. Cooper puts on a little comedy at times which puts the fans in stitches.

Thompsonville, Conn., is packing them in with the Amateur fights. Vito Tallarita is doing the matchmaking. He is an ex-fighter and ex-serviceman.

IN INDIANAPOLIS RINGS
By ANTHONY COPPI

EVIDENCE that Indianapolis will return to the front as a major boxing center is proven by the fact that five gymnasiums are in full swing with a good number of promising punchers stationed at each swatorium. Amateur boxing is also flourishing at local simon-pure clubs.

Bob Garner, Louisville heavyweight, outpunched Colion Chaney, Indianapolis, to take a fast ten-round decision in the feature event of a six-bout boxing card at the local Sports Arena. Garner dropped Chaney early in the first round with a sharp right cross for a three count. Both fighters mixed freely and set a torrid pace that was sizzling at the bell.

Albin Small, 185½, Elwood, took semi-windup honors by decisioning Herb Jones, 173½, Indianapolis, in four rounds. Small was better at close quarters during their infrequent clashes.

Tommy (Shamrocks) Byron, 168, Indianapolis, knocked out Abel Cain, 154, also local, after fifty seconds of the second round. Cain, down twice in the first round, was the victim of stiff body punching.

Sid Peak, 206½, Louisville, scored a technical knockout over John Weatherford, 185, Indianapolis, in the first round.

Another knockout on the card was scored by Dan Raisor, local heavyweight, over Ernie Johnson, also local at 26 seconds of the first round. Mac Myers, Indianapolis middleweight, decisioned Johnny Poore of this city in four heats.

Arnold Deer of Indianapolis won the state middleweight boxing championship with a ten-round decision over Pfc. Frank Rand, also of Indianapolis, now stationed at Camp Atterbury. The bout was held in Richmond, Ind., and was staged by Frank Martin.

Other results: John Bryant, 162, Indianapolis, won by T.K.O. over John Martin, 160, Indianapolis, in the first round; Albin Small, 185, Elwood, decisioned Floyd Austerman, 200, Richmond, in four; Doyle Upchurch, 136, Muncie, won from Ray Glenn, 135, Indianapolis, after four rounds of rough milling; Bob Caine, 158, Indianapolis, knocked out Salty Wade, 164, Indianapolis, in the third round and Buddy Jones, 147, Indianapolis, decisioned Clinton Brooks, 148, Indianapolis, in six rounds.

Clarence Brown, Detroit heavyweight, won a close ten-round decision over Johnny Denson, Indianapolis, in a bruising, hard-fought battle at the Downtown Sports Arena. Brown was victor by a split vote. Brown scaled 203 pounds, Denson 188¾.

Lee Carter, 173½, Indianapolis, eked out a close win from Jack Hill, pudgy Bloomington, Ill., belter, in six rounds.

Tommy Byron, 173, Indianapolis, peppered Salty Wade, 163, also local, with a right cross and won by a knockout in the second round.

Dan Raisor, 181, Indianapolis, and Elmer Holt, 180, Bloomington, threw caution and science to the wind and engaged in a slam-bang brawl with Raisor coming out on top after four rounds of furious milling.

Mac Myers, local middle, decisioned Henry Mills, Marion, in four stanzas.

Lou Thomas, former local heavyweight favorite, has been issued a referee's license. Recently he worked his first pro bout as third man in the ring and turned in an excellent bit of officiating. Thomas served four years in the army. He was a former state heavyweight champion.

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Bob Garner, Louisville heavyweight, spotted Clayton Worlds, Chicago, advantages in height, reach and weight, but came out on top in a ten-round meeting at the Sports Arena. Garner broke two knuckles on his right hand in the sixth round. A hard right hand smash opened a deep cut over the Windy City mauler's left eye, but Worlds averted a T.K.O. when Garner failed to land solidly on the injured optic from that point. Weights, Garner 180¾, Worlds 196.

Al Johnson, Indianapolis middleweight, won from Tip Ramsey, Cincinnati, in a fast six-round semi-final. Ramsey was down for a nine count in the second and for a five count in the fifth.

Bob Thomas, Cincinnati heavy, knocked out Sid Peak, Louisville, in the second round of a scheduled five.

Oliver Cobbins, Cincinnati lightweight, decisioned Sammy Brown, Louisville, in four and Bill Cummings took the measure from Tuffy Fairfield, in a four-round opener. They are local bantamweights.

Al Johnson, local Negro middleweight, shows much promise. Since turning pro he has won nine bouts without defeat. Chicken Gaines, Arnold Deer, Al Sheridan and Tip Ramsey are some of the boys he has defeated. He is managed by Lark Jones.

RING SCRAPS: Heze Clark, popular local amateur referee and veteran Indianapolis *Times* police reporter, is writing a series of articles on crime cases he has covered in more than 30 years of newswork. . . . Tom Leeper, local fight manager, has forty willing mixers in his stable and a good number of amateurs. . . . All of Indianapolis's fight managers were former fighters. They are: Gene Jackson, Porter Stewart, Milton Bess, Hugh McGinnis, Gene Bland and Leeper. . . . Robert Simmons, local welterweight, was back in the win columns, after losing close decisions to Tommy Bell and Boom-Boom Mancini, when he trounced Tony Motisi at Chicago. . . . Bob Simpson, former local AAU boxing commissioner and NCAA lightweight while attending Wabash College, was recently released from the navy and has returned to Indianapolis. . . . This corner's address is 1325 E. Tabor St., Indianapolis 3, Ind.

PROFILE (Number fourteen in a series of interviews with local fight personalities)—Roy Rogers, one of the state boxing commission referees, wanted his name spelled right for once. To be absolutely correct it is LeRoy E. Rodgers. He was a former bantamweight champion of Indiana (AAU) and campaigned in the amateur ranks for almost five years, during which time he had more than 200 bouts. He has been breaking clinches as third man in the ring for eight years and during Joe Louis' tour of army camps he refereed an exhibition between the Brown Bomber and his sparmate George Nicholson at Fort Harrison. Born in Indianapolis, he also starred in baseball and basketball in his high school days. Rogers is the father of four children and is employed as a toolmaker at a local industrial plant.

CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

HARRY-TERRY-HART, the little Delaware, Ohio, lightweight, is a good prospect. He has had eighteen fights since getting his discharge from the Navy, and lost only two, one to Young Birch of Cincinnati, and the other to Art Price of Detroit. In Coshocton, Ohio, on July 3rd, he stopped Miller in the third round. Bill Tate, Coshocton light-heavyweight, got the nod over Harry Howden of Columbus in three rounds. Danny Flanagan, Zanesville, stopped Deno Marrietti, Columbus, in the second heat. Johnny Gourley of Zanesville, knocked out Bob Courtright of Coshocton, in the second. Freddy Tibbs and Jimmy Welsh put on a slugging six-rounder with Welsh getting the nod.

Gene Thomas of Fort Wayne, recently discharged from the Coast Guards, is one of the best looking prospects in this part of the country.

Several new faces have been added to the 20th Century Sporting Club's fighting stable, among them Sherman Washington, a heavyweight, and Woody Lowden, a good middleweight.

Dick Haley was a top-notch amateur in Columbus for several years. He waited too long to join the pro ranks and was stopped in the sixth round in his first pro start.

Eddie Miller, Dayton's outstanding middleweight, is setting a fast pace for the boys who want to climb the ladder. He beat Tipp Ramsey, Cincinnati middleweight, twice, and held the Queen City lad to a draw, before he could convince the Queen City boys that he was the master. In his last start in Cincinnati, he put the skids under Steve Izzy, a middleweight, who in the previous show won over John Reeves of Columbus.

In the fight sponsored by the Quality Club of Columbus, Harry Hart of Delaware, Ohio, stopped Freddie Bernhardt of Akron, Ohio, in the fifth round.

In the opener, Young Banks and Jack West of Dayton went four fast rounds with the Dayton boy getting the duke.

Sparkey Reynolds is fast becoming a name fighter in the mid-western states. In his last fight at Huntington, W. Va., he stopped Bobcat Maloney, Pittsburgh welterweight, in two heats.

Rudy Hoffman, a local restaurant proprietor, has taken over the management of Dick Haley and Toney Caminiti, pretty good fighters.

Homer Bingham, Fairfield, Ohio, welterweight, is back home from the navy and is getting ready to resume his pro boxing career.

The Okee Doke Club at Lancaster, Ohio, with Bob Arthur making the matches, staged its second show of the season. In the main event Mutt Schartz stopped Jimmy Kendall in the fourth.

Dick Haley won the duke from Tiger Wills in six heats. Al Seward and Don Furrow went to a good draw in four rounds, Tommy Tibbs and Sammy Adams fought a slam bang draw of four rounds. Jimmy Welsh was given the duke over Freddy Tibbs in a six-rounder.

At Mansfield, Ohio, Promoter Rex Reese staged a good show on which Paul Carbetta, Mansfield featherweight, lost to Dick Lewis, Dayton, Ohio, featherweight in 10 rounds. This was Lewis's first ten-round fight.

In the semi-final, Woody Lowden, Columbus, lost to Dick Alexander of Mansfield, in six. Billy Banks, Columbus, lost the duke to Tommy Welch of Delaware, Ohio, in four rounds.

Tommy Kendel was stopped by George Kerestes, Mansfield, in the first. Rex Reese and Sam Miller promoted the show.

Lee Lynch, the new fight promoter at Springfield, Ohio, sponsored his third boxing show on July 19 in the Memorial Hall at Springfield.

Pete Bolos, Detroit, lost a good battle to Corporal Dick Cook of Cincinnati, Ohio. The semi-final between Charles Eschelman of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Bill Marshal of Detroit, was a real knockdown and drag out scrap, with Eschelman getting the decision in eight rounds.

Larry Jenke, Cincinnati, dropped the duke to Ralph Chappy of Detroit in six.

Arthur Brenner, light-heavyweight from Cincinnati, and Elden Fletcher of Springfield, Ohio, traded punches for four good rounds and the outcome was a draw. Jesse Goodwin of Dayton beat Joe Harris in a four-rounder.

Wheeling, W. Va., promoters have tossed in the sponge for the Summer months. George K. Brown and Jack Sheppard have decided to wait until cool weather sets in.

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On July 18, at Akron, Bob Heath, the Rubber City promoter, gave the fight fans of Akron another great boxing show. His top bout fight between Shamus O'Brien of New York and Clarence Jones of Buffalo, New York, ended in a K.O. for O'Brien in the second round. Dave Marsh, hard-hitting Akron lightweight, beat Billy Miller, the great little slugger from Alliance, Ohio. In a nip-and-tuck eight rounder, Chet Martin, Akron lightweight, stopped Johnny Chatman, Buffalo, in the second heat. Leroy Jackson, Cleveland, won via the K. O. route over Joey Simms of Philadelphia, in three.

Frank Janiro, brother of Tony Janiro, stopped Bob Robertson of Binghamton in the second heat.

Jerry Martin, Cincinnati, O., won over Art Tate of Cleveland in an 8-rounder. Tiger Jackson of Akron gained the decision over Willie Cutsinger of Cincinnati in six. Johnny Pipus, Alliance, Ohio, won over Art Boykins of Kent in four. Ora Turpin of Canton shaded Jimmy Drain, Cleveland, in a fast four rounder. Eddie Bell beat Tom Taylor, Cleveland, Ohio, in another four.

Joe Basco, Jr., who is in Johannesburg, South Africa, with some American fighters, Proctor Heinold and Jimmy Ainscouth broke even with his boys. Heinold won over Bob Bradley of Pretoria in a ten-rounder while Jimmy Ainscouth lost to Laurie Stevens.

Willie Russell, the Buckeye Buzz Bomb, dropped in on Chicago long enough to administer the sleeping potion to Charley Nelson. The fight went just two minutes of the first round.

On July 30, at Haft's Arena at Columbus, Al Diaz of Mexico City now fighting out of Detroit, tasted his first T.K.O. at the hands of Willie Russell. The end came in two minutes and 51 seconds of the fourth heat. Eddie Miller, Dayton middleweight, stopped Al Roack, Indianapolis.

Lee Carter of Indianapolis, 185, won the duke over Sherm Washington, 190, of Columbus, in another fast six-rounder.

Homer Bigham of Lancaster, Ohio, 151, copped the duke from Young Jackson, Columbus, in a fast four rounder, while Dick Haley, Columbus, 138, had little trouble in disposing of Jimmy Mitchel, also of Columbus, in another four-round opener.

Fighters and managers who want to show in Columbus, contact Less Huffman at P.O. Box 211, Station-G, Columbus, Ohio.

IN AKRON, OHIO

By TOMMY MAXWELL

AKRON has been drawing packed houses for some time now. For a long time the Century Club with Johnny Hannison, former Akron great making the matches, has had a clear field. But the city will have two promoters, with Walter Moore moving into the fight game. Moore has been a great success as a wrestling promoter and if his initial fight offering is an indication of what he intends to do he will also be a very successful fight promoter. His first show was sensational with the following results.

Leroy Jackson of Cleveland decisioned Dave Marsh of Akron in ten rounds of furious battling. The bout was close all the way and was probably the best main event seen in Akron in years. It was Marsh's first loss in 14 professional starts.

In the semi-final, Charlie Riggs, formerly of McKeesport, Pa., but now fighting out of Akron under the management of Joe Schaaf put the stopper on Jackie Palmer in five rounds. In other bouts Freddie Bernhardt stopped "Irish" Ray Miller in three rounds. Eddie Elton stopped Ira Hughes in two rounds and Dan Kelly and Willie Williams fought a furious six-round draw. Every bout was sensational and sent the fans home in fine humor.

The Century Club followed up two nights later with its offering of Tippy Larkin, Junior Welter Champ, and Bobby Claus of Buffalo, N. Y. It proved interesting but the result was never in doubt. Larkin won easily. The end came in the fifth round when Tippy connected with a right uppercut to stretch Claus out for the ten count.

In a great semi-final, Leo Garrett, good Cleveland lightweight, won a very close decision over hard-hitting Chet Martin of Akron.

In the other three bouts Gene Finks, Akron heavyweight, stopped Jack Rogers in three rounds, Emil Tanner stopped Sam Mastrein in one round and Frankie Janiro stopped Paul Douglas in one round. These prelims were far beneath the usual fine standard of Hannison's shows.

The two shows in three days hurt both promoters at the gate, each drawing about $3500, or a little better than half the customary gate here. The commission will iron that out it is understood and with one show a week Akron is a pretty sure bet to draw better than $5000.00 every show.

Akron is coming up with some great prospects in Dave Marsh, Charlie Riggs, Freddie Bernhardt, Eddie Elton, Chet Martin, Charlie Roth, Gene Finks, Buddy Smallwood, and others in the pro ranks.

Riggs, a heavyweight built like old Sam Langford and billed as the biggest little heavyweight in the world, has come through with three knockouts and a win in four pro fights. He won over Charlie Brant in a great bout, and knocked out Art "Bomber" Brown, Jimmy Van, and Jackie Palmer. He is being handled by Joe Schaaf, veteran Akron manager, and it looks as if Joe has about the best fighter he ever handled.

Marsh won fourteen bouts before losing a close decision in a great ten-round bout with Leroy Jackson of Cleveland. He is going places and is ready for the best.

Eddie Elton, after being overmatched in his first pro fight is coming along in great style. His latest victim being Ira Hughes in one round.

Freddie Bernhardt is a great crowd-pleaser and is improving with every fight. About the gamest boy in this district Freddie sure likes to fight. His K.O. over Ray Miller and his two great fights with Terry Hart have put Freddie in line for a lot of future matches.

SOUTHERN OHIO JABS

By J. JIMMIE AMANN

EZZARD CHARLES, Cincinnati's belting light-heavy, removed the final obstacle in his path toward a definite shot at Gus Lesnevich and his world's title when he blasted out Lloyd Marshall in the sixth round. Marshall weighed 171 pounds, two more than Charles.

The Cincinnati lad boxed beautifully. He punched hard. He outpointed, outsmacked and out-maneuvered his opponent who had kayoed him a few years ago. Charles was the master from the start. Charles took a nine count in the opening round and this writer disagreed that it was a knockdown, as the majority ruled.

Nine thousand seven hundred and twenty-two customers clicked through the Western avenue ball field turnstiles for a gross of $33,099. Benny and Sam Becker promoted the Charles-Marshall fight and Cincinnati owes the Becker brothers a heap of praise.

In the prelims, Pat Iacobucci drew with Johnny Goode in a six-round featherweight bout. Lloyd Gibson stopped Dan Creed in 2 rounds; Dick Cook was given an early Christmas fete with a 6-round draw with Benton Cobbins; Ted Nichols polished off Ben Colson in 3 and Eddie Miller tried to make Curley Denton fight to no avail, but earned an easy verdict in six sessions.

On July 15 at the Canton, O., Armory, Jerry Martin, Cincinnati lightweight, got a decision in eight rounds over Art Tate of Detroit. In the two top supporting bouts, Tiger Jackson, Akron, belted out a 6-round win over Willie Cutsinger, Cincinnati, in a middie tilt and John Pipus, Alliance heavyweight, won a decision in 6 over Art Boykins of Kent, O.

CORRECTION TO AN ERROR . . . We stated in the last issue that Joe Basco's star feather, Proctor Heinold, lost a decision to Alf James down in South Africa. We should have said that the bout was declared a draw and even the papers criticized the verdict.

At Columbus O., July 30, Willie Russell, Columbus, knocked out Art Diaz, Detroit, in the 4th round.

Around Fountain Square with the Punchers and their Pilots . . . seen at the Charles-Marshall fight, "butchers" selling THE RING and going like hot cakes. . . . We'd like to know where the butch made the "raid," for we have reports that you can't even get a RING downtown, unless you are right there on the delivery date. . . . How come, Nat? . . . Frankie Cahill is behind the new club in Louisville, Ky., operating at the Parkway Field. . . . Larry Moreland, Toledo's crack Negro lightweight, is being ducked by the southern Ohio top boys. . . . Irish O'Connor, former Cincinnati boxer, is now on the West Coast. . . . Eddie Shock, former manager of several good pro fighters around Dayton, Ohio, after a long absence, is back with some good boys. . . . Frank Martin, Richmond, Indiana, promoter, got a lot of bad luck in his opening promotion. Rained out twice and with bad weather on the third try, Frankie went through with the show. . . . Better luck next time, Frank. . . . Complete info on fight flashes and also fighters of all weights wanting action around here, address Jimmie Amann, 6716 Palmetto St., Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . Nix Denton, *Times Star* sports editor, gave THE RING a nice plug in a recent column. . . . Thanks a million to Bat Battalino, former featherweight champion, and the many others who have sent in "relics and souvenirs" for my fast accumulating boxing collection. I would like to hear from anyone with anything to offer to my collection. . . . Joe Seta's new gym on downtown East Fifth St., is fast becoming the mecca of fighters. . . . A good gym downtown also is Patsy Klein's Central A. C. on East Sixth St. . . . Amateur boxing trainers, fighters, coaches, promoters and clubs are earnestly requested to get in touch with me as I have something interesting for all of you. . . .

Finale P.S.: Watch Joe Discepoli. Here's another Freddie Miller! ! ! !

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

RHODE ISLAND Auditorium:
Maxie Shapiro, 138½, New York, beat Ernie Guisti, 136½, West Warwick, in ten.
Bobby Quinn, 139½, Taunton, Mass., beat Tiger Flowers, 145½, Worcester, Mass., in six.
Jimmy McLarnin, 134, New Bedford, beat Ed Reardon, 132, Hartford, Conn., in six.
Bobby Berger, 155, New York, knocked out Gene Buffalo, 156, New York, in the third.

Arcadia:
Jackie Harris, Malden, 125¾, K.O.'ed Jorge Sanchez, Havana, Cuba, 117¾, in the ninth.
Jean Richard, 120, Montreal, beat Martin Taber, 125½, East Providence, in eight.
Tony Aranjo, 141¼, Providence, K.O.'ed Joe Palaza, 137½, Providence, in three.
Carmine Lato, 157¾, Providence, beat Chuck Doyle, 162, Fall River, in four.
Mal Long, 144¼, K.O.'ed Benny Calardo, Providence, in three.

St. Ann's Park, Woonsocket:
Pete Louthis, 186, Cumberland, beat Laurient Bouchard, 205, Montreal, in ten.
Abel Gonsalves, 172, Pawtucket, beat Tommy Doyle, 180, Fall River, in six.
Alex Rebark, 164, Pawtucket, beat Mike Gagne, 175, Spencer, in a six.
Kenny Bruce, Woonsocket, beat Frankie Turcott, Worcester, in four.
Frankie Lombardy, 145, K.O.'ed Frankie Travis, 144, Fall River, in one.

Arcadia:
Jimmy Sheppard, 160¼, Chicago, beat Gene Farland, 160, Cranston, in ten.
Eddie Soares, 154, Providence, beat Tony Petro, 152, Boston, in eight.
Tony Aranjo, 141, Providence, K.O.'ed Jackie Richie, 144, in three.
Mel Long, 143, Providence, beat Pete Powers, 138, Fall River, in four.

St. Ann's Park, Woonsocket:
Al Costa, 146, Woonsocket, T.K.O.'ed Kenny James, 145, in five.
Bobby Hicks, 149, Waterbury, K.O.'ed Oscar St. Pierre, 142, Fall River, in one.
Mike Gagne, 176, Spencer, beat Alex Rebark, 165, Pawtucket, in six.
Kenny Bruce, Woonsocket, K.O.'ed Lenny Cabral, Fall River, in the second.
Frank Turcott, 136, Waterbury, beat Bill Rousseau, 126, Woonsocket, in four.

Rhode Island Auditorium:
Harry Hintlian, 135½, Worcester, T.K.O.'ed Bobby Quinn, 140, Taunton, in five rounds. Quinn suffered a cut eye.
Corky Davis, 140, Worcester, beat Jimmy McLarnin, 135½, New Bedford, in eight.
Johnny Eagle, 163½, Philadelphia, beat Bobby Berger, 156, New York, in eight.
Al Pinel, 156½, New Bedford, K.O.'ed Johnny Duke, 158, Hartford, in the fifth.
Pat Egan, 139¼, West Warwick, beat Eddie Reardon, Hartford, in a four rounder.

Arcadia:
Willie Joyce, 142, Gary, Ind., beat Maxie Starr, 143, Baltimore, in ten.
Martin Taber, 132½, Providence, beat Jean Richard, 120¾, Montreal, in eight.
Tony Aranjo, 140½, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Andy Best, 134, Montreal, in four.
Bennie Colardo, 144, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Jackie King, 142½, Providence, in the second.
Bert King, 148, Providence, T.K.O.'ed Frankie Travis, 144, Fall River, in one round.

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ARKANSAS AND OKLAHOMA FLASHES

By CLYDE SMITH

TULSA, OKLA.—Dick Smith, Oklahoma City middleweight, scored a knockout in three rounds over Jess Wilson of Minneapolis, Minn.
Mickey Travis, Oklahoma City, 126-pounder, knocked out Duane Hoag, Wichita, Kans., in the sixth.
Tommy Corbett, Minneapolis, knocked out Billy Strunk of Oklahoma City in three. Both weighed 147.
James Enopia took a four-round decision over Baxter Horne. Each boy weighed 125. Both are from Oklahoma City.
Eddie Weller, Oklahoma City, knocked out Eddie Sison, Norman, Okla., 3. Both weighed 147.
Pat McCafferty, a St. Louis light-heavyweight on leave from the Navy, won a close decision over Joe Musick, Oklahoma City, in four.

Fort Smith, Ark.—Ragon Kinney, 188, Hartman, Ark., knocked out Ching Johnson, 195, Memphis, Tenn., in the ninth.
Wayne Choates, 215, Fort Smith, decisioned Bill Palmer, 200, of Oklahoma City, in six.
Ben Heflin, 140, Memphis, knocked out J. R. Winkle, 144, Oklahoma City, in the second.
Baxter Horne, Oklahoma City, knocked out Ralph Williams, 128, Memphis, in the sixth.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Dick Smith, 161, Oklahoma City, outpointed Jackie Lyons, 168, also of Oklahoma City, in eight.
Mickey Travis outpointed Joe Mendoza, Corpus Christi, Tex., 6.
Bill Strunk outpointed Billy Wilson, Corpus Christi, Tex., 6.
James Enopia outpointed Joe Amayo, Corpus Christi, 4.
Joe Musick decisioned John Riley, 4. J. R. Jones drew with Paul Keotah, 4.

Tulsa, Okla.—Jackie Lyons knocked out Francis Levier of Topeka, Kans., 4.
"Jeep" O'Neal, Oklahoma City featherweight, knocked out Duane Hoag, 4.
Joe Musick and John Riley boxed a six-round draw.
Billy Strunk decisioned J. R. Winkle in six.
James Enopia knocked out Johnny Wyrrick, 1.
Baxter Horne knocked out Bobby Jones, 4.

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FANS paid $9,500 to see Charles Cabey Lewis, Cuban born Brooklynite, weighing 130 pounds, knock out Doll Rafferty, 136, Milwaukee, in the second round at the Milwaukee Auditorium on July 17. The first round started fast and was even with both boys boxing beautifully. Beginning the second round, Rafferty cast his boxing science to the winds and went after Lewis with knockout intentions, landing two rights that shook up the Cuban. Coming out of a clinch, he spun Lewis who turned the spin into a pivot, landing a terrific left hook which, followed by a right, upset Rafferty. Instead of taking the full count, Rafferty got up on rubber legs. Lewis moved in for the "kill" landing lefts and rights to the chin and Rafferty fell forward on his face to be counted out.
In supporting bouts Harold Alle, 149, St. Paul, decisioned Milt Varsas, 150, Milwaukee, 6; Johnny Grady, 130, Gary, beat Marion Rhoeten, 126, Milwaukee, 6; Charley Pope, 141½, Milwaukee, proved too good for Dick Czerniak, 141½, Milwaukee, and the bout was stopped in the 2nd round. Charley Busalacchi, 150, West Allis, K.O.'ed Henry Mills, 158, Chicago, 1:17, round 1; Elverse Tonnsell, 152, Gary, beat Mel Olson, 153½, Milwaukee, 4 rounds.
It was the first time in Wisconsin that a timer of seconds for knockdowns was used. Dr. B. B. Busby was given the assignment and did a swell job. Meeting after the bout the boxing commission decided to adopt it as a regular function.

Charley Busalacchi of West Allis is the fighter of the month here. Since leaving the service he has had seven straight knockouts. Local fan heat is generating for a Busalacchi vs. Milt Varsas bout.

Doll Rafferty's domestic heat wave has blown over and he wants another fight with Charles "Cabey" Lewis. In his manager Eddie Metrie's gymnasium he has his right arm strapped behind his back to educate his left, when boxing. Doll has found out that against a first rate fighter there is no pay dirt in going right-hand crazy, only resin dust.

Ernie Fliegel was host to a party of about 25 Milwaukee fans, headed by Fred Saddy, secretary of the boxing commission, and Joe Krasno, who made the 400 mile jump to see the Willie Pep and Jackie Graves fight. Roundy Coughlin, the bard of Mendota and boxing commissioner, was also on hand.
When Billy Mitchell and Lou Viscusi joined the party it was announced that Willie Pep would fight in Milwaukee. The featherweight champion and either Cabey Lewis, Doll Rafferty or Juste Fontaine will do $30,000.
George Frank, president of the Milwaukee Sports Club, took over the matchmaker's job, succeeding Ward Braby. Braby's automobile sales agency has been taking up too much of his time. Mr. Frank is a shoe manufacturer, specializing in bowling and boxing shoes.
Jimmy Sherrer, 147, Milwaukee, a three to one favorite, ran true to form and knocked out Tommy Lemmon, 151, Milwaukee, in 1:47 of the first round at the Milwaukee Auditorium, before a howling crowd of 3,729 fans who paid $12,010.
A left hook by Sherrer paved the way for the first knockdown. Lemmon was decked three times with powerful straight rights. He struggled to get up after the last knockdown but flopped over on his face at the fatal ten count.
Alvin Jordan, 136½, Milwaukee, shaded Al Gomez, 132½, Chicago, in 8. Vicie Van, 168½, Milwaukee, K.O.'ed Charley Pate, 164½, Milwaukee, in 1:52, 3. Tommy James, 144, Chicago, T.K.O.'ed Stanley Jordan, 145½, Milwaukee, in 35 seconds of fourth round. Don Wallenfang, 140, Milwaukee, decisioned Elverse Tonnsell, 145½, in 4.
The bout was Lemmon's 3rd windup. The redheaded Irishman can go places with proper seasoning. Lemmon received $2,587; Sherrer, $2,352.

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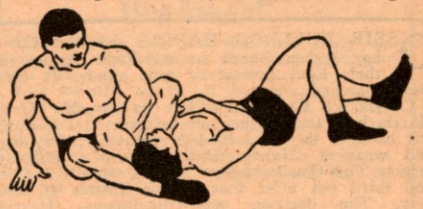

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PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS
By FRANK T. McQUAIDE, JR.

OSSIE BULLDOG HARRIS defeated Cowboy Ruben Shank at the Zivic Arena in their local contest of ten rounds. It was Ossie's second victory.

Constantly flicking his left to Shank's face, Harris kept the Cowboy off balance. His looping left hook to the head landed repeatedly. Bobbing and weaving, Harris made himself a difficult target. The Cowboy's best rounds were the first and third but after that it was Harris all the way. The decision was unanimous. Harris weighed 162½; Shank 157.

The six round semi-final saw Charley Eschman, 147, Cincinnati, Ohio, winning a split decision over Jackie Armitage, 148, New Kensington, Pa., in a very close contest.

Henry Smith, 164, Charleroi, Pa., was awarded a split decision over Art Hardy, 159, Pittsburgh, in six. In the opening six rounder, Eddie Hines, 115, Pittsburgh, boxed beautifully in winning the unanimous decision over Ossie Peguese, 118, Youngstown, Ohio.

Busy Joe Brusco, matchmaker at Zivic Arena, came up with another fan pleasing card on July 2, making it five hits in a row.

Sammy Schipani, local lightweight, gave a brilliant display of boxing skill in outpointing the hard hitting Leo Garrett of Cleveland. Schipani weighed 138; Leo Garrett, 140.

Buddy Komar, 187, McKeesport, Pa., local heavyweight, knocked out Roy Wooster, 190, Brockton, Mass., with a terrific left hook to the head in 2:36 of the first.

Cleve Bailey, 164, New York, won a unanimous decision over hard hitting Carman De John, 165, Buffalo, N. Y.

In the opening bout Willie Garrett, 143, Swissvale, Pa., decisioned classy Charley Daniels, 149, Pittsburgh, Pa., in an upset.

Fritzie Zivic's protege, Juste Fontaine, took a licking from Charles "Cabey" Lewis, hard hitting New Yorker, in 10 rounds, making it four losses in the last five times out for Juste.

Lewis dropped Fontaine for an eight count in the eighth frame. After 1:35 of the ninth Referee Freddie Mastrean intervened and awarded Lewis the T.K.O. victory.

Lewis weighed 129; Fontaine, 135.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six rounds, Charley Young Zivic, 148, Pittsburgh, scored his eleventh consecutive victory by kayoing Bobby Burton, 150, Pittsburgh, in 2:15 of the third.

Henry Smith, 160, Charleroi, Pa., decisioned Art Hardy, 160, Pittsburgh, six.

Harold Hazlett, 174, Rochester, Pa., was awarded a T.K.O. in the third round over Ralph Freedman, 172, West View, Pa. Due to an eye injury, Freedman was unable to answer the bell for round four.

Waddell Blackwell, 148, Homestead, Pa., made his post-war debut an impressive one by scoring a T.K.O. over Nick Frederick, 146, Alliquippa, in 2:39 of the third.

Muddy Kurtz, 183, McKees Rocks, Pa., decisioned George Huber, 185, Neville Island, Pa., four.

Three ten rounders and an eight-round curtain raiser was the card presented on July 4 by Promotor Fritzie Zivic at his outdoor boxing arena in suburban Millvale.

In the feature attraction, Juste Fontaine was served an unknown, Bobby Root of New York, and the local lightweight slugger scored a technical knockout in two minutes 36 seconds of the second round. Referee Buck McTiernan stopped the one-sided contest. Fontaine weighed 136; Root 133.

In the second ten rounder, Bee Bee Wright, classy welterweight from nearby Clairton, outpointed Pat Byers of New York. The decision was unanimous. Wright weighed 144; Byers 148.

In the first scheduled ten rounder, rough, tough Billy Bates, 132, Pittsburgh, was down for a nine count in the second round, but he came back strong to score a knockout over Joe Pirrone, 139, Cleveland, in 46 seconds of the third round.

Harold Hazlett, 175, Rochester, Pa., punched out a hard earned victory over George Clark, 172, Pittsburgh, in the eight-round curtain raiser. Hazlett's concentrated body attack won him the decision.

Charles "Cabey" Lewis, hard punching New Yorker, outsmarted Sammy Parrotta, likeable local boy, in the ten-round main bout on Fritzie Zivic's show at Zivic Arena on July 11.

This marked Lewis's second victory in the same ring in less than a month. A month previously he belted out a T.K.O. over Juste Fontaine. The decision was unanimous. Charles "Cabey" Lewis weighed 127; Sammy Parrotta, 130. It rained throughout the final bouts.

In the semi-final, scheduled for six rounds Buddy Samarco, 140, Pittsburgh, floored for a nine count in the first round, came back strong to knock out Irish Ray Miller, 142, Ellwood City, Pa., in 2.33 of round four.

Popular Johnny Villanova, 128, San Antonio, Texas, Fritzie's diminutive protege, knocked out Cliff Brodie, 125, New York, with a savage body attack in 2.55 of round two.

Howdie Mason, 185, Beaver Falls, Pa., was awarded the unanimous decision over Joey Aloise, 184, Pittsburgh, in six rounds and Armand Goetter, 136, San Antonio, Texas, another Zivic protege, punched his way to a unanimous decision over tough Leon Jones, 133, Canonsburg, Pa., in the opening four rounder.

Charley Burley, sensational local middleweight, won the unanimous decision over the highly touted Charley Banks from Cincinnati, in the ten-round feature attraction on the Rooney McGinley Show at the Zivic Arena. Banks was floored for a no-count in the fourth. Charley Burley weighed 158; Banks 165.

In the six-round semi-final Charley Eschman, 148, Cincinnati, captured the unanimous decision over Jackie Armitage, 147, New Kensington, Pa., in a return bout. These boys met in the same ring a week previously with Eschman winning a split decision and the fans booed lustily.

In the fastest bout on the card, Eddie Hines, 117, Pittsburgh, and Frankie Gerard, 120, Detroit, battled six furious rounds to a draw. Hines was down for a two-count in the third round.

Waddell Blackwell, 147, Homestead, Pa., decisioned Pete Spotti, 150, Cecil, Pa., six rounds, and Irish Jerry Kiger, 146, Homestead, Pa., was awarded a T.K.O. over Jackie McMahon, 145, Turtle Creek, Pa., after 44 seconds of round two of the scheduled four-round opener.

An all-star show featuring three eight-rounders was the program presented at the Zivic Arena by Promoter Fritzie Zivic. In the top spot, Erv Sarlin, local heavyweight, hammered out a T.K.O. over Charley Roth of Akron, Ohio, after 58 seconds of the sixth.

Floored three times for nine-counts in the third, Roth fought on gamely until he suffered a badly cut left eye in the sixth which caused Referee Freddie Mastrean to halt the contest.

Erv Sarlin weighed 190, Roth 189.

In the second eight-rounder, Allen Thomas, 137, Pittsburgh, with his right eye completely closed from the fifth round on, was awarded an unpopular decision over Sammy Schipani, 137, Pittsburgh.

In another eight, Juste Fontaine, 136, Pittsburgh, belted Arbie Bowie, 131, Alliquippa, Pa., from corner to corner until the referee halted the contest after 1:17 of the sixth round and awarded Fontaine a T.K.O. victory.

Bobby Timpson, 135, Youngstown, Ohio, looked good winning a T.K.O. victory over Eddie Sulk, 135, Pittsburgh, in 45 seconds of the fourth round of a scheduled six, and Armand Goetter, 134, San Antonio, Texas, kayoed Kid Tagg, 130, McKees Rocks, Pa., in 2:44 of round two.

Elmer (Violent) Ray, sensational heavyweight kayo artist from Minneapolis, flattened Larry Lane of Newark, N. J., in 2:35 of round two at Zivic Arena.

In the second round Ray went to work and he didn't have to work very hard or long. A terrific left hook high on the jaw dazed Lane, sending him halfway across the ring into the ropes. Ray was upon him immediately and Lane went down from a right to the head. On his feet at the nine-count, he tried desperately to escape the Violent Elmer, but presently went down again from another smashing right. As Lane struggled to his feet at nine, Ray charged in with the haymaker that ended the contest. Elmer (Violent) Ray weighed 188; Larry Lane, 199.

In the slow six-round semi-final Jackie Armitage, 148, New Kensington, Pa., eked out a split decision over Waddell Blackwell, 145, Homestead, Pa.

In other bouts, Jack Besselman, 148, Pittsburgh, looked sharp punching out a unanimous decision over George Silvasy, 152, Alliquippa, Pa., six. Henry Smith, 165, Charleroi, Pa., always the aggressor, won the unanimous decision over Ben Skelton, 170, Pittsburgh, six; and Ted Delorita, 151, Wellsville, Ohio, counter-punched his way to a unanimous decision over Pete Spotti, 152, Cecil, Pa., in the six-round opener.

At Zivic Arena—Lee Q. Murray, Norwalk, Conn., heavyweight, knocked out Perk Daniels of Chicago in the fourth.

Before the bout both men were reluctant to go on because of the small attendance since both were boxing for a percentage of the receipts. After a slight delay they entered the ring when the local authorities compelled them to fulfill their contracts. The first round produced very little action and the referee, Mike Hogan, with the lusty booing of the fans in his ears, warned both men to go to work or he would stop the contest. Again after a slow second round the referee repeated the warning.

The third round saw Murray stalking the backpedaling Daniels all around the ring and when Daniels dropped to the canvas after a seemingly light blow in the fourth, remaining there for a full count, pandemonium broke loose. The local athletic commissioner, John Montgomery, held up both purses and ordered the fighters to appear for a hearing in the Commission office.

At the hearing both fighters were fined their purses, "for not putting forth their best efforts" and suspended indefinitely.

The time of the knockout was 2:35 of the fourth round.

Lee Q. Murray weighed 205; Daniels, 202.

The rest of the card was a honey. In the six-round semi-final Joey Salcone, 137, Warren, Ohio, outsmarted the hard-hitting Buddy Samarco, 142, Pittsburgh, and garnered the unanimous decision. Samarco's timing was off, and the Ohio youngster aware of this fact, took advantage of every opportunity.

Harold Hazlett, 175, Rochester, Pa., kayoed Jack Isler, 170, New York, in 1:23 of the third. The New Yorker was floored twice for nine-counts in round two.

Ralph Friedman, 175, West View, Pa., a greatly improved fighter, knocked out Billy Heeps, 169, Carnegie, Pa., in 2:43 of the fifth round of another scheduled six. Ben Franklin, 148, Pittsburgh, won a split decision over Art Kimmel, 148, Altoona, Pa., in the opening four-rounder.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES
By SAM PORCELLI

JOEY MAXIM of Cleveland decisioned Phil Muscato of Buffalo in a good fight. In the semi-final, Irish Johnny Rowe of Rochester made it 8 in a row by stopping Marcel Fournier of Montreal in the third round with a left hook in the mid-section.

Other fights saw Bobby Dare, Buffalo, win over Buddy Rose in six; Talmadge Bussey win easily over Moe Harvey in 6; Johnny Dero, Rochester, win over Walter Holt in 2; Al Baldasino win over Joey Kushner in 4. 5228 fans paid $11,033.25 gross.

At Johnson Field, Johnson City, N. Y., 4,449 people paid a gross gate of $8056 to see Joe Matisi of that city and Gunnar Barlund fight a ten-round draw.

Other bouts on this show saw Irish Johnny Rowe of Rochester stop Charley Bellinger of Valley Stream in 4; Jeff Clinton win over Wade Chauncey in 3; Ronnie Horne win over Andy Hitlin in 3; Jay Widener win over Art Gregg in 2; Cliff Hart win over Bud Scouten in one.

Johnson City: Charley Hayes of Detroit and Frankie Best of Johnson City, with Hayes the winner in 10 rounds.

Other fights: Henry Smith of Rochester T.K.O.'ed Charley Schnappauf in the first. The Wilkes-Barre boy did not come out for the second round. George Teague, Buffalo, won over Charles Sabatelle of Scranton in 6. Howard Chard stopped Chuck Jennings in the 6th. William Ware won over Armond Olevano in 6. Jay Widener won over Andy Hitlin in 4. 2641 people saw the fights and the house grossed $4688.

Around the Gym: Irish Johnny Long is back in training after two months rest. Long is a good club fighter and a good prospect. Up to date he has won 5 in a row. . . . Ross Virgo is training daily. . . . Bill Foley is looking better in his fights. . . . Jimmy Gallagher is drawing good gates at his weekly shows in Johnson City, N. Y. . . . Nello Nucelli, Eddie Smith and Johnny Long are good cards around Binghamton and Johnson City, N. Y. . . . Utica, N. Y., is running weekly pro and amateur fights. . . . Rochester Elks club will run weekly shows and Johnny Burba, the matchmaker, would like to hear from amateur teams or amateur fighters. Address Burba in care of Elks Club, Rochester, N. Y.

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MINNESOTA NEWS
By BILLY COLBERT

PROMOTER TONY STECHER sold out the Minneapolis Auditorium when he staged the Willie Pep-Jackie Graves fight. The gate was $39,870. Pep knocked out Graves in the eighth round and proved that he is in a class by himself. Graves was in there pitching all the time, but Pep carried too many guns for the local lad. He floored Graves ten times and Referee Johnny Sokol stopped the contest.

In the semi-windup Jackie Burke, Grand Rapids, 155, won from rugged Jack Parks, 152, Detroit, by a unanimous decision in six. Johnny Cesario, Hartford, 146, kayoed Bob Root, Detroit, Mich., 147, in the fourth round.

Walt Kolby, Buffalo, and Del Cockayne, Des Moines, 136, staged a great battle with Kolby getting the decision in six rounds. Gene Fredrickson, St. Paul, 136, lost the decision to Ted Christie, Chicago, 133, in a four-rounder.

A St. Paul soldier and amateur boxer was awarded the Soldiers' Medal recently at the Peninsular Base Army Service Force in Italy. Tech Sgt. Paul T. Dike is his name. Paul won a lot of bouts around the Northwest in 1942 and was a star athlete at Johnson High School.

Orlan Ott, Harley, Iowa, just out of the service and winner of the Chicago Golden Glove heavyweight title in the amateur class two years ago, is going to box out of St. Paul. Mike Gibbons will direct his training and instruction.

Phil Montgomery, former boxer and now manager of fighters around Sioux City, is looking for action for his boys.

Jimmie Egan and Newton Scott, promoters at South St. Paul, who staged some very good shows last year, plan to resume promotion.

Emmett Weller, trainer and manager of boxers, has many boys working under his direction.

Isham Hall, manager of Dick Demaray, welterweight, passed away recently. He was an old timer connected with boxing in the Northwest.

George Galvin is the matchmaker for the boxing club at Newport, Minn.

Dick Lancette, St. Paul lightweight, back from three years overseas, is training for a comeback.

Fred Ford, St. Paul heavyweight, has been winning his fights. At this writing he has ten straight victories.

Jackie Graves beat Pete Virgin of Schenectady, N. Y., in the main event in St. Paul. This was the first show presented by the Capital City Boxing Club. The card was very good and the fans were well satisfied. Here are the results:

Emmett Yanez, St. Paul, decisioned Dave Peak, Minneapolis. Gene Fredrickson, St. Paul, decisioned Bill Heath, Minneapolis. Norm Mastrian, Minneapolis, lost to Jack Grady, Gary, Ind. Fred Ford scored a knockout in the third round over Earl Peterson, Minneapolis. Jackie Burke, Minneapolis, won a decision over Bernie Droll, Peoria, Ill.

Gene Fredrickson, St. Paul lightweight, lost his first bout in the Twin Cities to Ted Christie, a very good boxer from New York. Christie has boxed most of the top fighters in his class.

Erle Adkinson, the Negro favorite, is back looking for action. He had run up a string of wins over such light-heavies as Jack Hill, Jimmy Crow, Ron Whalley and others. He broke his hand and had to cancel a return bout with Whalley.

Booker Ellis is one of the hardest lightweights to get matches for. He is one of the best-looking Negro boys in these parts.

Emmett Yanez has won his last few bouts. He is rapidly improving.

Wally Holmes is back looking for action after a long layoff because of an injured hand and ribs.

Jesse Wilson is going to the Coast for a fight. He hasn't lost a bout since turning pro.

Buzz Brown, the St. Paul welter, is coming along nicely. His hand is healed and he'll be looking for action soon.

Howard Blyhl was K.O.'ed by Bill Lee in Davenport, Iowa.

Jackie Burke wins bouts but lacks punching ability.

George DeGideo, who was Northwest Gloves champ, is boxing coach at the Pillsbury House in Minneapolis.

James Egan and Newton Scott plan to start their monthly amateur shows in So. St. Paul soon.

Send in your news for this column to Billy Colbert, 319 Robert Street in St. Paul. Would like to hear from managers and boxers who would like to box in St. Paul.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

ONCE in a great while, there comes along a fighter who, in his very first scrap displays all the poise and polish of a champion. Up Fairmont way there is a lad by the name of Tommy Saunders, who in our humble opinion is the brightest pro prospect ever developed in our state. Tommy has everything. He is a beautiful boxer, can hit with either hand, and has a world of "guts." The Fairmont biffer has engaged in three professional bouts, which he won easily. With a little more experience Saunders' name will grace the pugilistic spotlight all over the country. Keep your eye on this boy.

Gunboat Davis, a murderous puncher, returned to Huntington's Radio Center Arena and upset the bucket, by blasting Charley Banks into oblivion in six heats. Banks, who had chalked up eight straight victories in the local arena, was made to order for the lethal-fisted Gunboat. Davis weighed 167, while Banks came in at 170. The remainder of the card:

Sterling Willey, 137, bested Al Ingram, 140, in six.

Art Brunnie, 178, defeated Billy Weeks, T.K.O., three rounds.

Georgie Hairston, 141, whipped Cleve Burgess, 146, four rounds.

Some 4800 dyed-in-the-wool fans turned out to witness one of the best cards ever staged here. Show was promoted by Dick Pogue.

Plans are under way to open a pro club in Lexington, Ky. Carson Arkins, a "blue grass" business man, will promote the shows, with your reporter making the matches. Managers with good fighters, seeking work in this city, will do well to contact Mickey Davies, 830 7th Avenue, West Va.

After a much needed rest, Sparky Reynolds, Huntington welter, returned to the wars at Radio Center to chill Bobby Maloney of Pittsburgh, in 1:40 of the second canto. Reynolds looked very impressive. Sparky weighed 145, while his Smoky City adversary tipped the Toledos at 147. Tommy Saunders, 147, Fairmont, one of the brightest prospects turned out in the state for a long time, outclassed hard-hitting Jimmy Wilson, 150, Cincinnati, in the six frame semi-windup. Tommy's perfect counter punching proved too much for the Queen City clouter, and the Fairmont youngster was awarded five of the six rounds.

Arnold Deer, 160, Indianapolis, stopped Georgie Myers, 159, Cincinnati, in the fifth chukker of a slated six. This was a very dull bout, although Deer held a slight edge throughout.

In another six, Al Ingram suffered a dislocation of the shoulder in the fourth round and dropped the fight to his opponent, Ellis Burks, via T.K.O. Ingram had a comfortable lead over his Negro opponent at this point of the contest. These biffers are lightweights.

The opener, featuring featherweights Dick Carter and Tommy LaFever, went to Carter in six furious heats.

We can not understand why the nickname of "Toughy" has been given Gib Jones of Cincinnati. The Ed Johnson charge met Gunboat Davis of Charleston at Radio Center, and took one of the worst beatings ever witnessed in the local "palace of sock." Gunboat rocked the roly-poly Jones with ripping right crosses, and left hooks for eight chapters before the beaten Queen City scrapper took the full count.

Tommy Saunders proved to the local boxing bugs that his first win over Jimmy Wilson was no fluke by repeating his win over Wilson in the eight-round semi-windup. This was a whale of a scrap that kept the customers on their feet throughout. These boys are welters.

Jerry Martin, 155, Cincinnati, and Billy Jackson, 160, Huntington, battled to a six-round standstill in the second prelim. Many, including your reporter, thought that Martin had the edge at the completion of six stanzas.

Bob Pruitt, 160, proved too much for young James Cook, 158, in the opening prelim, stopping him in the first canto.

Bobby Kinder, diminutive Huntington puncher, has decided to try another hitch in Uncle Sam's Navy.

Dr. West, prominent Huntington dentist, was appointed to the State Athletic Commission, last month by Governor Meadows. The kindly doctor has been around the game a long time, and his appointment to the state position meets the approval of everyone around the state.

Tommy Saunders, flashy Fairmont welter, has inked a contract with Buck Collins, local sportsman. Saunders certainly looks like he has the "goods."

Dick Deutsch's weekly wrestling attractions at Radio Center continue to pack 'em in, despite the very warm weather. Dick has offered the grappling fans of Huntington some of the leading exponents of the game, and the shows as well as the crowds are getting better all the while.

Willard Coffey, Charleston lightweight, is going great over Chicago way. Willard has chalked up 12 straight wins at this writing.

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FANFARE from MISSOURI
By ROBERT B. DANA

ONLY one fight card has been offered to the local and sweltering public since our last meeting.

Leon Haire, St. Louis junior welterweight, returned from the East for the express purpose of fighting Bernard Docusen (pronounced Dookusson) of New Orleans. For reasons beyond Leon's control the local Negro was knocked out with a half minute to go in the sixth round.

To be sure, there were extenuating circumstances, but there always are. The week of the fight ushered in some of our most noteworthy heat and Haire, who has been weighing just under the 140 mark for his encounters, tipped the beam at 134 against Docusen. That probably explained his apparent lethargy and lack of stamina once the gong sounded. When Haire's stock-in-trade, a long, rapier left, failed to make connections in the very first round, many of us felt that the jig was up. And so it was. For with the exception of the end of the third round, when Docusen was definitely in distress from a right hand chop on the chin, it was all Bernard. During the rest of the bout Docusen baffled and befuddled the local boy completely as he bounded about the ring in the manner of a sponge ball armed with lefts and rights.

Eddie Dames got none the worst of it when the officials presented him with a draw against Howard Jackson of Kansas City in a six-round semi-final. Jackson came fast at the finish and Dames' gas tank diminished rapidly. Even more of a thriller-diller, though a bit one-sided, was Jackie Dicker's defeat of Bobby Jarvis, also from Kansas City. Jarvis, a very classy featherweight, ran into a haymaker at the outset that pretty much spoiled his chances with the persistent Dicker. It was a dandy setto and a good one for Jackie to have behind him as he took considerable punishment and had a tightly shut eye at the end of the hostilities.

Johnny Tabbs spent 1:21 of one round in disposing of John Roche in the second fight. Roche is one of the most pathetic pugilistic figures ever to be seen in a local ring. Roy Cox sneaked past Otha Brandon in a dull curtain raiser.

FROM PILLORY TO POST: Art Cooper and Jim Richie recently returned from the environs of San Francisco. Art had three wins and a draw and Richie one two-round kayo while on the Coast. . . . Nick Sanders pulled himself together and scored a convincing knockout in Poplar Bluff the other week. Pewee Kaiser refereed the Haire-Docusen struggle and didn't do a bad job. Ray Palmer and Dick Youngs are "tops" to date.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON
By HOMER AMUNDSEN

PAULIE "Atomic Bomb" Cook, Tacoma featherweight, and Joey Clemo of Portland, Oregon, punched out the most sensational ring scrap ever witnessed in an Aberdeen ring. Both boys were on the deck four times before Cook stopped the Portland gamester in the sixth round.

Dave Davey, Tacoma's 17-year-old 185-pound youngster, won another bout over Ernie Daniels, Negro Portland heavyweight, on Will Maylon's Tacoma fight program. Davey appears to be the Pacific Northwest's most likely looking heavyweight prospect.

Two more boxing clubs have recently been added to Washington State's boxing line-up. Mickey Connelly, a grand little fellow who formerly promoted amateur shows in Seattle, has been issued a permit to hold professional shows in Everett, Washington. The Lions Club in White Center, a suburb of Seattle, also has been granted a license for pro-fights.

William S. Ross, Seattle boxing manager, has a crowd-pleasing welterweight in Milo Savage. These two Negro gentlemen are a credit to the boxing profession, and their friends are many.

Mel Epstein, the veteran middleweight aged matchmaker for the Kosmos Club in Seattle, does his utmost to give the Queen City fans the best fight programs possible. Mel has been around the fight profession for a good many years.

Quite an array of fistic talent and managers around the Pacific Northwest have recently stopped at the Amundsen Gymnasium, namely, Tex Salkeld, Portland promoter; Joe Martin, Vancouver, B. C., manager; Larry Caputo, Portland manager; Bill Ross, Seattle manager; Bert Forbes, Seattle manager; Eddie Marino, Seattle manager; fighters, Harry Mathews, Roy Hawkins, Ralph Hooker, Milo Savage, Young Freddie Steele, Ernie Daniels, Dave Arndt, Joe Bonn, Snooks Lacey, Jackie Turner, Jerry Ramsey, Duke Harris, Jackie Rodgers, and many more.

Donnie Bush, Tacoma's 140-pound fighter, expects to be back home sometime this coming November. Donnie, now with the Army of Occupation in Japan, has engaged in five overseas boxing tournaments, winning all five in a sensational manner.

Minor W. Stuart and Ted Birmingham, Aberdeen boxing men, continue coming out with some first class fight programs in their city.

George Alsup, Jr., a seventeen-year-old Negro 135-pound boy, a recent arrival in Tacoma where he will make his home, engaged in twelve amateur contests in Chicago, winning eight.

BOXING IN CUBA
By MILT BARON

HAVANA fight followers got a real treat when Luis Godoy promoted the Jose Alvarez vs. Julio Pedroso fight at the Sports Palace.

Jose Alvarez Garcia, welterweight champion of Spain, was especially imported to meet Julio Pedroso, Cuba's star welterweight contender. Pedroso gave a good account of himself, but the Spaniard won easily.

Kid Barcelona, slugging welterweight, won the semi-final eight from Alberto Nuñez, and Fernando Amante scored a quick kayo over Baby Jalisco in the opening round. Baby Chichi did the same trick to Saguita, Camaguey lightweight.

Miguel Acevedo, Cuba's popular featherweight champion, was an easy winner over Jimmy McAllister. McAllister knew what he was up against and continually clinched to avoid a sure knockout. Acevedo, as much as he tried, could not break up McAllister's holding and clinching, and could not land his snappy rights and lefts. Acevedo won a popular decision. Cuba can surely boast about its featherweight champion, as Acevedo certainly is a good performer, and can hold his own against any featherweight in the world. A Willie Pep-Acevedo contest would go over big here. Luis Godoy, Cuba's best promoter, is trying to line this fight up.

Mario Morales, ex-bantam champion of Cuba, in a hard-fought battle outpointed Manolo Garcia in ten rounds.

Baby Chichi, dusky lightweight, scored a six-round K.O. over Renne Camacho, the Havana Electric Company idol. Carlos Garcia outpointed Miro Gonzales in a special six-rounder. Carlos Garcia, handled by Hilario Garcia, is a likely looking prospect in the bantamweight division, and under Hilario's guidance should go a long way.

Manolita Kid, of Mexico, sterling bantamweight, won via the foul route from Rolando Delgado of Cuba in the first. The foul was a doubtful one, nevertheless the Cuban lad was done out of a victory.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

LOUISVILLE fans were presented with their first professional boxing show since 1944 when the new Derbytown Athletic Club featured Jorge Morelia, Mexico City lightweight, winning a ten-round decision over Jimmy Anest of New York on July 12th at Parkway Field. Although the main event failed to live up to expectations as far as action was concerned, Promoter Frank Cahill and Matchmaker Walter Buckrop are to be complimented on their first venture. The card as a whole was a good one, featured by well-matched supporting bouts and attended by the largest crowd in a long time.

In the eight-round semi-final, Pat Iacobucci, young Cincinnati featherweight, gave a two-handed punching exhibition to decision Elmo Latta of Indianapolis.

The top six-round preliminary was an action-packed contest that had Jimmy Wilson, Cincinnati middleweight and former Marine Corps champ, winning over rugged Bobby Wilson of Charlestown, Ind.

Four-round bouts had Phil Smith of Cincinnati scoring over Buddy Jones of Indianapolis in a welter scrap while Calvin Haub of New Albany, Ind., outpointed Norman Neal of Charlestown, Ind., both lightweights. The opener saw Freddie Dillon, Fort Knox soldier lightweight, score a second-round T.K.O. over Bob Carey of Cincinnati.

Buddy Cansler, young Negro heavyweight and former Golden Glove champion, will soon turn pro in Louisville and vicinity. Cansler scales 190 pounds and will do his fighting under the management of Joe French.

FISTIC SPOTLIGHTS: Mike Raffa was a recent visitor in Louisville and will be remembered for his fine showing as a featherweight performer in local rings. . . . Raffa is scheduled to appear on a coming Louisville card. . . . Al Gomez, Chicago Negro lightie, is also set for action on a Louisville show. . . . Charley Jones, the Louisville fight pilot who handles Sammy Angott, is managing a group of local amateurs turning to the pro ranks: . . . Recent additions to the Jones stable are Dale Fawns, former Marine Corps heavyweight, Herb Drane, Kentucky Golden Gloves light-heavy champ, and Jimmy Robinson, local Negro lightweight star. . . . Golden Gloves winners and discharged service champions from nearby states of all weights, white boys preferred, have a good opportunity for pro careers in this vicinity. Send record and photo to Joe French, 1009 French Street, Jeffersonville, Indiana.